



# CITY OF ABBOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE SERVICE

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## Holiday Safety Tips

The Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service is pleased to present a series of weekly Holiday Safety Tips to help encourage a safe holiday season. This is the time of the season when the cold weather has us using the heating systems in our homes and candles are used more during the holidays. These will be the subject of this week's tips.

### Home Heating

- Ensure your smoke alarms are working and purchase a digital carbon monoxide alarm if you heat your home with wood, natural gas, propane or oil.
- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, fatigue, nausea and shortness of breath.
- Have your heating system tuned up each year. If you heat your home with a wood stove, have the chimney connection and flue checking each year and make sure the stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat.
- DO NOT use gas appliances such as ovens, ranges, or clothes dryers to heat your home.
- Never leave a space heater unattended and always turn the heater off before leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Supervise children/pets when a heater is being used.

### Candle Care

- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Extinguish all candles before going to sleep or leaving the room.
- Do not permit children to keep or use candles or incense in their room.
- Never use lighted candles on or near a decorated tree.
- Keep candles at least 1 meter away from anything that can burn, including curtains, other decorations and wrapping paper.
- Always use stable, nonflammable candle holders. Remember the heat transfer from a glass holder to a wooden table can start a fire.
- Place candles where they will not be knocked down by pets or children.
- Ensure that matches and lighters are stored safely out of the reach of children.

In addition to these tips, the Abbotsford Fire Rescue members will be out in the city during the weeks of December 7<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> collecting donations of food. On December 17<sup>th</sup> all donations collected will be delivered at 1:30 pm to the Food Bank located at 33914 Essendene Avenue.

For additional information, please contact Fire Prevention Division at 604-853-3566.

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through prevention, response and safety.*