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Detectors

**For child car seat
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586-286-0027

**For information on Fire
Safety, Free Smoke
Detectors or Fire
Inspections, contact a Fire
Inspector at:**

586-949-2138

Or

[fireprevention@macomb-
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HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR!!!

HOME HEATING FIRES

According to the NFPA, January is the peak month for home heating fires. Heating fires peaked between the hours of 5 and 9 P.M.

Heating is the second leading cause of all fires behind cooking.

Remember these tips to prevent home heating fires in your house:

-Keep all heating appliances at least 3 feet from anything that can burn. 30% of all heating fires were caused when appliances were too close to things that can burn.

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned before burning in a natural fireplace or wood burning oven.

-Do not heat your home with ovens or other appliances not designed for heating.

CIGARETTE SMOKING AND FIRES

According to the NFPA, Smoking (i.e. cigars, pipes, etc.) is the leading cause of fire deaths in the United States. If you are going to smoke, the NFPA recommends the following safety tips:

1. Smoke Outside

2. Use deep, wide ashtrays on a sturdy table
3. Never smoke in a home where oxygen is used.
4. Ensure butts and ashes are out and

cool before throwing them in the trash.

5. Do not smoke in bed. Do not smoke if you are tired.
6. Use fire safe cigarettes.



For fire prevention questions, or to schedule a Fire Station tour for your group, contact a Fire

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OXYGEN RELATED FIRES

Most people know that oxygen intensifies fires, but few know why. Oxygen itself is not "flammable", but it does make things burn faster and hotter. It makes things that might not normally burn at

all burn rather quickly. The most common cause of oxygen-related burn injuries is smoking (70% according to the CPSC. Patients on oxygen should NEVER

smoke. In fact, there is no safe way to smoke around oxygen. Even hand lotion and body oil can burn when oxygen is in use. Keep oxygen away from oil and grease when cooking.

Winter Vehicle Survival Kit

You never know when you could get stuck in your car during icy or snowy weather. Here are some things you might consider keeping in your vehicle this winter:

- Gloves
- Boots
- Kitty litter or sand for better traction
- Blanket
- Cell phone charger
- Food/Snacks

- Water
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Jumper Cables
- First Aid Kit
- Ice Scraper
- Small Shovel

Additional Information

QUIT SMOKING

The federal government has a site dedicated to smoking cessation. Click [HERE](#)

OXYGEN SAFETY

Visit the NFPA'S Medical Oxygen Safety Site [HERE](#)

Winter Fire Safety

Winter is the leading time of year for home fires. Find out more [HERE](#)