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I thought you might want to know:

Enjoy A Safe Holiday Season!

Holiday safety is an issue from late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled and travel spikes. Take some basic precautions to ensure your family remains safe and injury-free throughout the season.

Putting up decorations is one of the best ways to get in a holiday mood, but about 15,000 injuries involving holiday decorating were seen in emergency rooms during a recent Holiday season. Here are a few:

- Angel hair, made from spun glass, can irritate your eyes and skin; always wear gloves or substitute non-flammable cotton.
- Spraying artificial snow can irritate your lungs if inhaled; follow directions carefully.
- Decorate the tree with your kids in mind; move ornaments that are breakable or have metal hooks toward the top.
- Lights are a must for holiday decorating; make sure there are no exposed or frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets.
- Plants can spruce up your holiday decorating, but keep out of reach of children or pets; the national Poison Control Center can be reached at (800) 222-1222.
- Make sure paths are clear so no one trips on wrapping paper, decorations, toys, etc.

Candles and Fireplaces

Increased use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations present in many homes means more risk for fire.

- Never leave burning candles unattended or sleep in a room with a lit candle;
- Keep candles out of reach of children;
- Make sure candles are on stable surfaces;
- Don't burn candles near trees, curtains or any other flammable items;
- Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fireplace;
- Check and clean the chimney and fireplace area at least once a year.



Turkey Fryers

There is reason to be on alert if you're thinking of celebrating the holidays by frying a turkey....The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports there have been 168 turkey-fryer related fires, burns, explosions or carbon monoxide poisoning incidents since 2002. CPSC says 672 people have been injured and \$8 million in property damage losses have resulted from these incidents.

Follow these precautions:

- Set up the fryer more than 10 feet from the house and keep children away;
- Find flat ground; the oil must be even and steady to ensure safety;
- Use a thawed and dry turkey; any water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over;
- Fryer lid and handle can become very hot and cause burns;
- Have a fire extinguisher ready at all times.

Don't Give the Gift of Food Poisoning

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides some holiday food safety tips. Here are a few:

- Do not rinse raw meat and poultry before cooking;
- Use a food thermometer to make sure meat is cooked to a safe temperature;
- Refrigerate food within two hours;
- Thanksgiving leftovers are safe for four days in the refrigerator;
- Bring sauces, soups and gravies to a rolling boil when reheating;
- When storing turkey, cut the leftovers in small pieces so they will chill quickly;
- Wash your hands frequently when handling food.

Is It More Dangerous To Travel During The Holidays?

Be Prepared

Many people choose to travel during the holidays by automobile, with the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation.

In 2013, 343 people died on New Year's Day, 360 on Thanksgiving Day and 88 on Christmas Day, according to Injury Facts 2015. Alcohol-impaired fatalities represented 31% of the totals.

- Use a designated driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol, over-the-counter or illegal drugs all cause impairment.
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance being traveled.
- Put that cell phone away; distracted driving causes one-quarter of all crashes.
- Properly maintain the vehicle and keep an emergency kit with you.
- Be prepared for heavy traffic, and possibly inclement weather.

Company coming to your home for the holidays?

Remember, when guests are staying in your home, make sure areas have night lights or easy-to-reach lamps in case they need to get up during the night. And, whether you are visiting someone else's home or you have guests in your home, make sure all medications are kept up and away and out of sight from young children.



The Christmas and Holiday Season offers time for reflection and remembering those who have helped shape our lives.

May you and yours have a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity!



Merry Christmas!

John Fagan
&
The Accident
Lawyer Team

Ingredients

- 1 lb strawberries
- 12 Oreo Cookies
- ½ Cup Butter, Softened
- 1 Tablespoon Whole Milk
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla Extract
- 2 Cups Powdered Sugar



Shared by Team Member,
Adrienne Deshazo

Instructions

- Wash strawberries and remove the hulls. Place on paper towels to dry.
- Freeze strawberries for 30 min or until firm.
- In a medium bowl, cream butter. Stir in milk.
- Gradually add powdered sugar a little at a time until you reach desired consistency.
- Pipe frosting into a circle on the top of the oreo to make the strawberry sticky and to resemble the fur ring.
- Press strawberry into piped frosting large end down.
- Pipe a dot on top of the strawberry to resemble the hat's fluff ball.

Santa Hat Oreo

