Cooking Safety Tips

You are Three Times More Likely to Have a Fire on THANKSGIVING Than Any Other Day of the Year

Based on its size, allocate enough time to ensure your turkey is totally thawed.

If deep frying a turkey, fry outside with an oil-less fryer and away from homes and wooden decks.

Playing host? Use a cooking timer to keep track of time.

In the event of a fire, have an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Before things get out of control, call 9-1-1.

Cooking oil stays hot hours after you’ve devoured dinner. Keep children and pets away from cooking areas for at least five hours after cooking.

Holiday Decoration Safety Tips

The Top 10 Days for CHRISTMAS Tree Fires All Fall After December 25

Select the freshest tree possible, and water often—sometimes as much as a gallon of water per day.

When stringing lights, never connect more than three strands.

Ensure decorations are a safe distance from fireplaces, heaters and candles.

Keep the tree in the corner! Never block an exit with a holiday decoration.

Switch off all exterior and interior lights nightly before going to sleep.

For more tips, search "Fire Prevention" at www.townofcary.org or call (919) 460-4958.