



Community Awareness Newsletter

'Tis the Season to be Safe!

The halls are decked, the presents are wrapped (or almost!), and the scent of pine is in the air. December is a magical time, but amidst the festive cheer, let's not forget about holiday safety. This month, we're unwrapping some essential tips to keep you and your loved ones safe and sound throughout the holiday season. Let's make sure your holidays are merry and bright!

Deck the Halls Safely this Season!

Christmas Tree Fire Prevention

- **Water, Water, Water:** Keep your real Christmas tree well-watered. Dry trees are fire hazards! Check the water daily and keep the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, and candles.
- **Light Check:** Inspect your Christmas lights before using them. Look for frayed wires or broken sockets. Discard damaged sets immediately.
- **Power Down:** Turn off Christmas tree lights before you leave the house or go to bed.

Protecting Children and Pets from Decoration Hazards

- **Handle with Care:** Be careful with sharp or breakable ornaments, particularly if you have young children or pets.
- **Small Parts Alert:** Keep small decorations out of reach of children to prevent choking.
- **Tinsel Trouble:** Pets (especially cats!) can be tempted to eat tinsel. Use pet-friendly alternatives to prevent potential intestinal problems.
- **Poisonous Plants:** Christmas plants like poinsettias, mistletoe, and holly berries are poisonous if eaten. Keep them out of reach!
- **Ladder Smart:** When hanging decorations, use a sturdy ladder and have someone assist you.

Food Safety: A Recipe for a Healthy Holiday

- Use a food thermometer to ensure food reaches the recommended internal temperature. This kills harmful bacteria!
- Thorough handwashing before & after handling food is a **MUST**.
- Refrigerate leftovers promptly—within two hours. Don't let bacteria crash the party!
- Use separate cutting boards & utensils for raw & cooked foods to avoid cross-contamination.
- Clearly label dishes containing common allergens (nuts, dairy, gluten, etc.). Everyone deserves to enjoy the meal worry-free.
- Be aware of the alcohol content in holiday drinks, and never drink and drive.

Hitting the Road: Travel Smart This Season

- **Plan Your Adventure:** Check weather conditions and plan your route before you leave.
- **Mountain Bound?** If traveling to the mountains, ensure you have snow chains and know how to use them!
- **Winter-Ready Vehicle:** Make sure your vehicle is well-maintained and prepared for winter driving conditions.
- **Emergency Essentials:** Pack a car emergency kit: blankets, flashlight, first-aid kit, snacks, and water.
- **Defensive Driving is Key:** Especially in winter, practice defensive driving techniques.
- **Buckle Up, Every Time:** Always wear your seatbelt—no exceptions!
- **Eyes on the Road!** Avoid distractions like cell phones while driving





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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month!

- **Plan Ahead, Drive Sober:** Designate a sober driver before the festivities begin, or choose a ride-sharing service.
- **Know Your Limit:** Understand your alcohol tolerance and pace yourself.
- **Refuse and Report:** Refuse rides from impaired drivers and report them to the authorities to help keep our roads safe.
- **Don't Enable Impaired Driving:** If you see someone attempting to drive impaired, intervene and help them find a safe alternative.
- **Road Rules Matter:** Follow all traffic laws and be extra vigilant during the holiday season.

Camp Pendleton Emergency Management AtHoC:

Register through QR code below.
Your go-to source for official emergency information, alerts, and preparedness guidelines specific to Camp Pendleton.

Mass Notification Register



Lost and Found:

The Physical Security section with the Provost Marshal Office accepts found property for proper handling and final disposition.

Please view the QR code listed below under the Physical Security and Crime Prevention tab. You can contact us at 760-725-9454 regarding items within our possession.



Christmas Traditon and Togetherness

Christmas is a holiday celebrated on December 25th in many countries around the world.

It's a time for family, friends, and giving. Rooted in winter solstice traditions, it's become a celebration of joy and light during the darkest time of the year. Popular customs include decorating homes with lights and trees, exchanging gifts, sharing special meals, and believing in the magic of Santa Claus, a jolly figure who delivers presents to children on Christmas Eve. It's a festive occasion filled with warmth, good cheer, and a focus on spreading kindness and goodwill.



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