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SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH



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Army Launches Autumn-Winter Safety Campaign

From October through March, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center (USACRC) places a special emphasis on autumn and winter safety. This year's theme is "Be Aware, Prepare, and Take Care!"



Cooler temperatures come with challenges, including driving in adverse weather conditions and increased personal risk when outdoors. The approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays compound these safety risks.

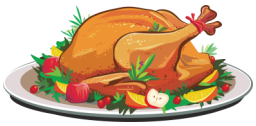
In the words of Brigadier General John Curry, USACRC Commanding General, "Our mission readiness hinges on the vigilance and deliberate risk management of our Soldiers, Civilians and their Families. Seasonal transitions bring unique environmental hazards – whether on the training ground, the highway or at home. 'Be Aware, Prepare, Take Care!' is an operational mindset. When we actively identify risks, plan ahead for unpredictable weather and look out for one another, we preserve the combat power essential to defending our nation."

The campaign offers a plethora of resources for leaders and supervisors designed to assist in providing your workforce the information they need to lessen the risks of the autumn and winter seasons, such as feature articles, posters and presentations themed on seasonal topics to augment your existing safety programs.

USACRC officials encourage users to visit the organization's website frequently for safety materials, as they will be released throughout autumn and winter.

The campaign materials are available on the USACRC's website at https://safety.army.mil.

ASOHMS Corner: Thanksgiving Safety



Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to gather with friends and family, eat delicious food, watch football (or the parade!), and travel to visit loved ones. While enjoying the holiday, and even though things might get hectic, it is important to always keep safety in mind. The top safety hazards during the Thanksgiving holiday include fire, food and travel hazards.

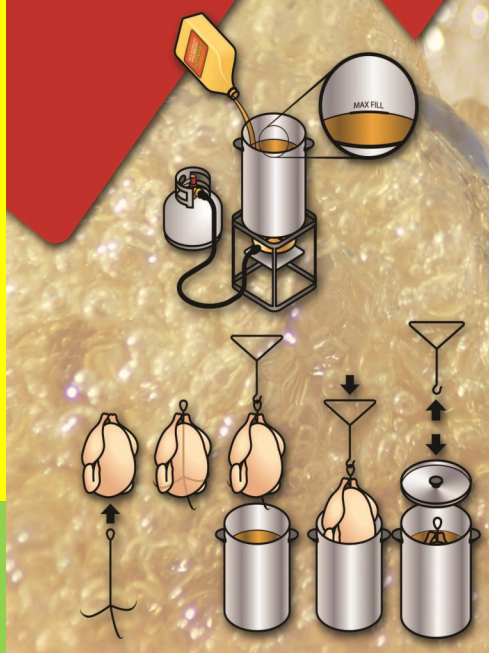
To avoid cooking fires, never leave the house while the turkey is cooking and never leave the fryer if you are frying your turkey. Keep baking soda on hand to put out kitchen fires and have a fire extinguisher handy if cooking outdoors. Follow all instructions carefully when using a deep fryer and keep children and pets away.

Always wash your hands after handling raw or undercooked poultry and use separate cutting boards for raw meat and produce. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold, and store leftovers within 2 hours or toss them.

Buckle up, obey speed limits, plan your route, and never drive impaired!



HERE IT COMES



Turkey Frying Safety Tips

- Always use a turkey fryer outside and away from buildings or other flammable materials.
- Never use a fryer on wooden decks or in garages.
- Always cook on flat ground or surface to reduce the chance of tipping.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Older fryers without thermostats may continue to heat and possibly burst into flames.
- Keep children and pets away from the fryer, even after you're done cooking. The oil can remain hot for hours.
- Don't overfill the fryer. Measure how much oil is needed prior to placing the turkey in the fryer.
- Turn the fryer off when lowering the turkey into the hot oil to help prevent spillover and fire.
- Use well-insulated potholders or oven mitts when handling the pot or lid handles. Proper eye protection will reduce the chance of injury in case of splatter and is always highly recommended.
- Only cook a completely thawed turkey and be careful with marinades. Oil and water do not mix; water could make the oil spill over, creating a fire or explosion.
- Always have an all-purpose fire extinguisher present and be prepared to use it should a fire occur. Do not use water to extinguish an oil fire. If the fire is too much to handle call 9-1-1 immediately.

READY ...OR NOT?

Ready ... or Not is a call to action for leaders, Soldiers, Army Civilians and Family members to assess their readiness for what lies ahead - both the known and unknown. #ArmySafety

Throughout our professional and personal lives, events happen all around us. We are often able to shape the outcome of those events, but many times we're not. Navigating life's challenges is all about decision-making.

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center has the tools to keep you and your Soldiers safe, both on and off duty. Visit us online at ***https://safety.army.mil***.

So are ***YOU*** ready ... or not?

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