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’Tis the Season to Share in Fire Safety

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA: – The [winter holidays](#) are a season for sharing. However, few stop to think about sharing in fire safety. To ensure your friends and family are fire safe over the holidays, the Virginia Department of Fire Programs suggests the following [life saving gift-ideas](#):

Stocking Stuffers: Sharing in Fire Safety

- Are you looking for that special, one-of-a-kind gift to give a family member or a friend? Why not consider an invaluable gift that could both protect and save lives, such as a [smoke alarm, fire extinguisher or a fire escape ladder](#).
- If you really want to go the extra mile, include a gift certificate good for a free fire/life safety installation as part of your gift to ensure the life-saving device is properly installed.
- If you plan to give fire extinguishers, give the ABC multipurpose type. This type of extinguisher can be used on any small fire. Make sure you take the time to explain the operation of the extinguisher to the recipient. While extinguishers are not difficult to operate, it is far better for the user to become familiar with the device before the need arises. Fire extinguishers should be kept in homes, cars, boats, campers, and trailers.
- Another option, and one of the most inexpensive, would be to include fire safety messages in your holiday cards, or create fire safety paper inserts. The messages could then easily be slipped into gift boxes or bags for an added touch. For [fire safety message](#) ideas, visit www.vafire.com, and click on fire safety education, then select “tips and safety information”.

About VDFP

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) provides support services to approximately 797 fire and emergency service organizations and over 70,000 firefighters in the Commonwealth. Support areas include funding, professional development, public fire and life safety education/awareness, research, operational support, advocacy, and technical assistance. For more information on VDFP, please click [here](#).

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