

Life Saving Holiday Gift Ideas



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.

Think about it. A smoke alarm, fire extinguisher, or portable escape ladder is an item most people will not purchase for themselves. What better way to show someone how much you care than by giving a gift that can save their life? If you really want to go the extra mile, include a gift certificate good for a free installation as part of your gift to ensure the live-saving device is installed.

If you plan to give fire extinguishers, give the ABC multipurpose type. This type of extinguisher can be used on any small fire to extinguish it quickly. Make sure you take the time to explain the operation of the extinguisher to the recipient. Extinguishers are not difficult to operate, but you need to learn how to use them before the need arises. Fire extinguishers should be kept in homes, cars, boats, campers, and trailers.

Portable fire escape ladders should be kept in every bedroom above the ground floor to provide emergency escape routes. When purchasing escape ladders, look for a model that is long enough to reach ground level, but light enough to be used by children.

When purchasing any of these life-saving gifts, be sure to look for the Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) label. The UL label means the device has passed certain safety tests.

While you are at it, do yourself a favor this holiday season and buy one or all of these items for yourself.

Wishing you a fire safe holiday!

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