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I'm waiting for each division to out-do each other.

Am surprised the general didn't include something on gun safety to the list.

**From:** Prosper, Terrie D.  
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**Subject:** A Holiday Safety Message From CPSD

A Holiday Safety Message from Brigadier General (CA) Jack Hagan, Director of the Consumer Protection and Safety Division, which will change its name to the Safety and Enforcement Division, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>:

*The Holiday Season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when our homes are exposed to additional fire hazards, and we are exposed to additional holiday-related risks and crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared, or too aware. I wish you and your families a safe, happy, and peaceful Holiday season. Please take a minute to review these time-tested holiday safety tips:*

- Never drink and drive or allow anyone to do so - arrange for an official designated driver who will not drink at all.
- Have non-alcoholic beverages available if you are hosting a party.
- Find alternative transportation for intoxicated guests.

- Do not overload electrical outlets. Inspect lights to ensure that wiring is not damaged or frayed. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into an outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.
- Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Make sure candles are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn. Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas. Never go near a holiday tree with an open flame.
- When setting up a holiday tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home. Mount your holiday tree on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons, or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves; place your holiday tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.
- It is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes although no charity is involved. If in doubt ask for their identification, and find out how the donated funds will be used. If you are not satisfied, do not donate.
- Remember to lock doors and windows when you leave the house; if leaving home for an extended time, have a trusted neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer to make it appear you are home.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows and doors of your home, similarly don't advertise what you got for the holidays by putting the whole boxes out on trash day - break the boxes down or take them to the dump yourself.
- See these Holiday Cooking Safety Tips from the U.S. Fire Administration <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/focus/cooking.shtm>