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# RISK REMINDER

## Don't Let Safety Take The Holiday Off!

While there is never a good time to get hurt, the holiday season is probably the worst time. Please keep safety in mind as you partake in annual festivities:

- Be careful using ladders to hang lights and decorations.
- Watch your step on snowy and icy ground, especially while carrying items.
  - Do not put your hands in your pockets when you are walking on slippery surfaces. You'll need them if you slip and/or fall.
- Be extra careful driving during 'winter conditions'.
  - Scrape snow and ice off all glass surfaces for increased visibility.
  - Keep windshield washer container filled with solvent.
  - Remove snow from headlights and taillights.
  - Be certain all lights are in working order.
  - Pump brakes only if vehicle doesn't have Anti-lock Brakes.
  - Keep fuel tank at least one quarter filled to prevent freezing in system.
  - Use a fuel system anti-freeze to prevent fuel line freezing.
  - Keep extra clothing in trunk for emergencies.
  - Extend intervals between vehicles when pavement is slippery.
  - Be certain both heater and defroster are in proper working condition.
  - Use extra caution when children are around. When they are bundled up, they may not be able to look carefully before crossing streets.

## Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act

The Illinois state legislature has passed a law that the governor has signed so that effective January 1, 2007, every dwelling unit will be required to have at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. Alarms can be battery powered, plug-in with battery back-up or wired into the AC power line with a secondary battery back-up.

- A "dwelling unit" means a room or suite of rooms used for human habitation, and includes single-family residences, multiple family residences, and mixed use buildings.
- Willful failure to install or maintain in operating condition any alarm is a Class B criminal misdemeanor.

## WISHING ALL A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

**For more information, contact TOIRMA at (888) 562-7861**

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