



Smoke Signals

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Light it up with these safety tips . . .

- Use low-wattage bulbs that are UL safety approved.
- Check lights before use to ensure they don't smoke or melt.
- Check for broken bulbs, cracked sockets or loose connections.
- Check wires for frayed or cut insulations.
- Don't overload circuits, outlets, and extension cords.
- Follow guidelines on how many light strings can be safely connected.
- Don't use nails, tacks, or staples for hanging lights.
- Don't use indoor lights outdoors as they are not waterproof.
- Don't use outdoor lights indoors as they burn hotter.
- Artificial trees should be flame resistant.
- Water live trees every day to reduce the risk of fire.
- When a live tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.
- Illuminate a metal tree with a spotlight, never regular tree lights.
- Unplug holiday lights while you are away from home or sleeping.
- Don't run extension cords under rugs or carpet.
- Never leave burning candles unattended, consider LED flameless candles.
- Make sure lit candles are in stable holders and placed out of reach of kids and pets.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from things that can burn.



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Holiday Recipe for Kitchen Fire Safety . . .

- Stand by your pan 🎵 Remain in the kitchen at all times if you are cooking.
- If you are simmering/baking/roasting, check regularly and use a timer.
- Keep children at least three feet away from stove and areas with hot food or liquid.
- Don't wear loose clothing or sleeves that dangle while cooking.
- In case of a grease fire, turn off heat source and cover with lid or baking sheet to remove oxygen. Use baking soda or salt for remaining flames... NEVER use water.
- Use turkey fryers ONLY outdoors, on a level surface, away from wooden decks, trees and other structures, and never operate the fryer in rain or snow.
- Do not overfill turkey fryer. Use appropriate amount of oil to prevent hot oil from spilling over and don't overheat the oil.
- Partially frozen turkey placed in a turkey fryer will cause hot oil to splatter. Make sure turkey is thawed and dry.

Winter Driving Tips... Follow the Three "P's"

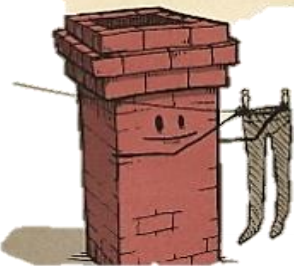
Prepare ~ Winterize your car to ensure all parts are in good working order. Check tire tread and consider installing snow tires and carrying chains. Ensure windshield wipers are in good condition. Always have a windshield scraper and snow brush. Assemble an emergency kit to include a flashlight, extra batteries, water, snacks, warm clothing, blanket, shovel, distress flags, flares, sand or road salt, emergency reflectors, and jumper cables. Carry your cell phone whenever you travel.



Protect ~ Always wear seatbelts. Keep your gas tank full. Plan your route ahead of time and let others know an estimated arrival time. Choose main roads and avoid lesser traveled shortcuts. Travel in daylight if possible since it's easier to see icy patches and other road hazards during the day.

Prevent ~ The easiest way to prevent crashes is by decreasing your speed. Increase distance between cars to give you more time to react should you need to brake or swerve suddenly.

Stockings were hung by the chimney with care



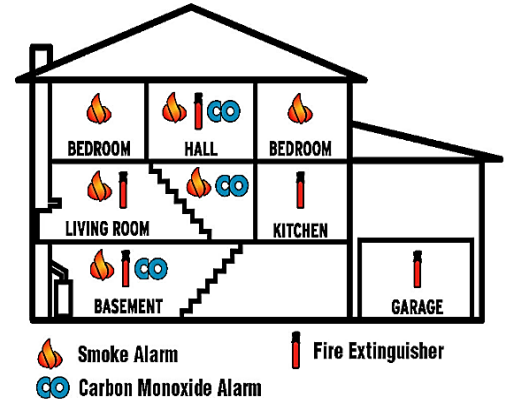
Many residents in Indian Hills have wood burning stoves, pellet stoves, or fireplaces. While all are an excellent heat source, proper chimney care is required to avoid a chimney fire. In 2017, all three home fires in our community started in the fireplace or chimney. Creosote is the main cause of chimney fires. If it builds up in sufficient quantities and ignites inside the chimney flue, the result can be a volcanic chimney fire. To minimize creosote, have your fireplace or woodstove inspected and/or cleaned annually, burn only seasoned wood, do not burn trash or debris in a fireplace or woodstove, and do not allow the fire to smolder.

Carbon Monoxide Safety Awareness



Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas. CO poisoning can occur when a fuel-burning appliance or machine is not working or vented properly and breathing it at high levels can be fatal. Install CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home. When you change your clocks, change the batteries in all smoke and CO detectors. Use portable generators only outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from windows and doors. Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow and other debris to avoid potential for indoor natural gas buildup.

Recommended Locations



Recruitment

Did you know that Indian Hills Fire Rescue is a volunteer fire department? That's right! The community relies on a cadre of about 20 volunteers for the 170-180 calls for service every year. We are always looking for new volunteers to fill roles in Emergency Medical Services, Wildland Firefighting, Rescue, and Structural Firefighting. You don't need any experience, just a willingness to learn, attend trainings, and serve your community. It is incredibly rewarding work and a great way to feel more connected in our little community. We also have our auxiliary organization, Boots, which helps with the Pancake Breakfast, the Big Chili Cookoff, our awards ceremony, and provides support for other events. Please give us a call or check out our website if you're interested in learning more.

Fire Boots Volunteers Needed!

Are you looking to help, but don't want to be a firefighter or medic? The auxiliary, Fire Boots, is comprised of community members who support the department through fundraising, special projects, administrative assistance, public education and outreach, and other non-emergency roles.



For more information, visit our website at www.IHFR.org

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update

We are almost a year into working with the Ember Alliance in developing a new Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and a great deal of data has been gathered, fire behavior models have been applied, maps have been ground-truthed, and analysis has been conducted. Ember Alliance, our contractor for developing the plan, has conducted a public meeting in June along with additional meetings in September with stakeholders like Jefferson County Open Space, Xcel Energy, Denver Mountain Parks, Camp Geneva Glen, and The Jefferson Conservation District exploring mitigation projects on some of the district's larger holdings. At this point the Ember Alliance is beginning to prepare the plan and a public meeting to discuss the draft will happen sometime in January. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

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 Sign up for LookoutAlert and receive important notifications.
 Sign up at LookoutAlert.co

LookoutAlert: Severe fire danger is expected in your area. Please take necessary precautions.

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LookoutAlert is the official emergency notification system of a regional collaborative of Jefferson County and all cities within it, the City and County of Broomfield and the City of Westminster. This system is used to send alerts to the public during emergencies. When emergencies happen, be the first to know. Through LookoutAlert, emergency responders can send official, real-time alerts to the public with information about potentially life-saving actions they may need to take to keep themselves and their families safe. This service is provided at no cost to the public; however, message and data rates may apply. As part of LookoutAlert, you can also sign up for Smart911, which allows you to create a safety profile for yourself and your household which is provided directly to 9-1-1 when you call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency, allowing them to send the right responders to the right location with the right information.

Register at LookoutAlert.co

For more information about Smart911: <https://www.smart911.com/>
 All non-emergency calls please call: 303-980-7300



Indian Hills Fire Rescue offers affordable house number signs made of rust-free aluminum with white numbers on a blue reflective background to help us find you should the need arise. The signs are available in horizontal and vertical formats with numbers on one or both sides. Pricing is \$20 for a one-sided sign and \$25 for a two-sided sign. You can order your house number sign by completing an order form, which is available on our website at www.ihfr.org.



IS YOUR ADDRESS CURRENT?

Make sure that your Colorado driver's license or state ID has your current address. If there is an emergency requiring evacuation, returning to your residence could be delayed or denied if your information is not current.

Big Thank You for Big Chili!



The September BIG Chili event started after 9/11 in remembrance of the NYC fallen fire fighters. Event proceeds benefit the local mountain fire departments: North Fork, Platte Canyon, Elk Creek, Inter-Canyon, Indian Hills, and Evergreen. This music and arts festival at Evergreen's Buchanan Park has several sponsors and usually around 50 chili cooks. Over 3,000 attendees come together to honor and recognize those who keep our mountain communities safe with celebration of fun, food, live music entertainment, kids' activities, artists, vendors and more. The cold temperatures made for perfect chili-tasting weather and the 2022 Big Chili raised \$32,400 and each fire department received \$5,400! BIG THANK YOU to all that attended, donated, and helped to make it a BIG success!



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The Chief's Corner

Smoke Check!

We are looking for new ways to communicate with you. Whether it is to share opportunities to improve wildfire defensible space, ask for input on our Community Wildfire Protection Plan, offer free Community CPR classes, or just to keep you informed about the activities with the department. We want more interaction with you when it is not an emergency. Smoke Signals goes out twice a year and offers only one way communication. We are starting an email group to provide updates to Indian Hills residents more frequently, and just as importantly, to receive your feedback. We promise to never sell or share your information and emails will be blind copied for your privacy. If you're interested in joining this email group, please email us at info@ihfr.org with the subject "smoke check".



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