



Winter brings many safety challenges. Meridian Fire Department are your partners in keeping you and your family safe. Knowing what to do before, during and after winter weather comes is important. Here are some reminders to help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire or accident.

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this regularly. This way you will know they are working. Change the batteries before they chirp.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates.
- Driving Safety- Winter brings ice and snow- Plan extra time to make your trip, be sure to clear all of your windows of ice or snow obstructions.



- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

*There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!*

