



*Celebrate Christmas Safely and  
Make your home a safer  
place this Christmas.*

Christmas is fast approaching, along with a New Year. This year has given us another great year on the Gramps with the number of fires still dropping due to the work we are continuing to do within the **local schools with the P6 and P7 children**. A big thanks goes to all of those that have been on one of our walks/talks. The children have been actively helping us to reduce willful fires on the Gramps by spreading the message that "**lighting fires is no joke**". This has resulted in the Kincorth Hill looking green instead of black following a fire, the wildlife on the Hill is getting more each year thanks to everyone's help.

This is the time for good will to all, a time for happiness and joy, **but like last year the fire deaths and fire related injuries, in Scotland are still on the increase**. Looking at the main causes these have not changed either, they are, *smoke detectors not working*

*or not fitted, smoking materials, cooking and in a high number of the fatal fires the contributing factor was alcohol or substance related*. Grampian Fire and Rescue Service are working closely within the community trying to reduce the risk of fire and reduce the risk of injury or death as a result of fire.

You can help us to reduce the chance of a fire over the coming months by following the few simple tips below and if you do not have a smoke alarm or you have a one year battery operated smoke alarm, then **please request a Free Home Fire Safety visit** by contacting us on:

**Tel: 01224 696666**

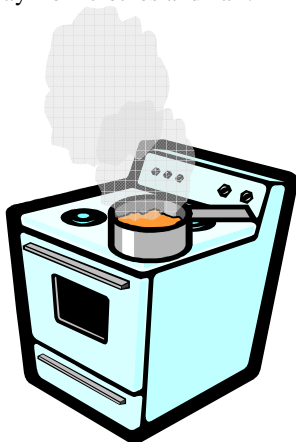
**Text "Fire" to 61611**

**Email: [info@grampianfrs.org.uk](mailto:info@grampianfrs.org.uk)**

**Or visit [www.grampianfrs.org.uk](http://www.grampianfrs.org.uk)**

#### CANDLES

- Never leave candles unattended.
- Never put lit candles in or near a Christmas tree and keep well away from cards and curtains.
- Always place candles upright in suitable holders, which cannot fall over.
- Always make sure that candles are properly extinguished, before going to bed or when going out.
- Keep candles away from children and pets.
- Keep candles away from clothes and hair.



#### COOKING

- Never leave cooking appliances unattended.
- Never cook if you've been drinking alcohol.
- Take extra care with oven timers. Ensure you are familiar with the controls of your cooker and that the temperature is set correctly.
- Never overfill pans.
- Keep items such as tea towels, oven gloves, flexes, curtains and loose clothing away from hot rings and burners.
- Keep children and pets well away from cooking appliances.
- Ensure all cooking appliances are switched off after use.

**JUST FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS  
AND HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.**