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RECENT FIRE RELATED FATALITIES

There has been a recent spike in fire fatalities within the state of Alaska. Although these fires are still under investigation and it is difficult to determine any commonalities, the Alaska State Fire Marshal's Office wants to remind all citizens that all fires are preventable by practicing fire safe behavior. The following tips are a good starting point for fire safety.

- Making sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms and testing those alarms at least monthly.
- When you are alerted there is a fire, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT.**
- Give special consideration to older adults and those with special needs: they may need specialized alerting devices and help with egress if there is an emergency.
- Have home heating equipment cleaned and inspected at least yearly by a trained professional. Keep heating equipment a safe distance from combustibles.
- Have installed and correctly working carbon monoxide detectors.
- And most importantly, be responsible and take you and your family's safety seriously.

Residential fires are 100% preventable and we all have the same goal: prevent or reduce harm to the public from fire. This will never happen if we do not take this issue seriously.

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