

## PHOTO FEATURE

Monday, Dec. 5th Lower Onslow Preschool Christmas Concert  
(Harrington Photos)



Left to right- Kylie Stevens, Easton Wells, Sofi Venoitt and Autumn Boyd.



Left to right- Danielle Redden, Neil O'Brien, Finn Connolly and Arianne Spencer.



Santa made a surprise visit to the preschool concert and handed out gifts to the boys and girls.



Kailen White is ringing the bells during the singing of Jingle Bells.



Hayden Barkhouse and Hailey Miller.



Jacob Penney and Avery Johnson.



Left to right- Aria Wood, Matteo Michael, Brennan Crowe, Kaycee Manning and Mara Densmore



Charlene Downs, Bedford is pictured with the "Ready For Christmas" basket fundraiser held by the Masstown Community Association. (Urquhart Photo)

## Be Fire Smart – Don't Become a Statistic

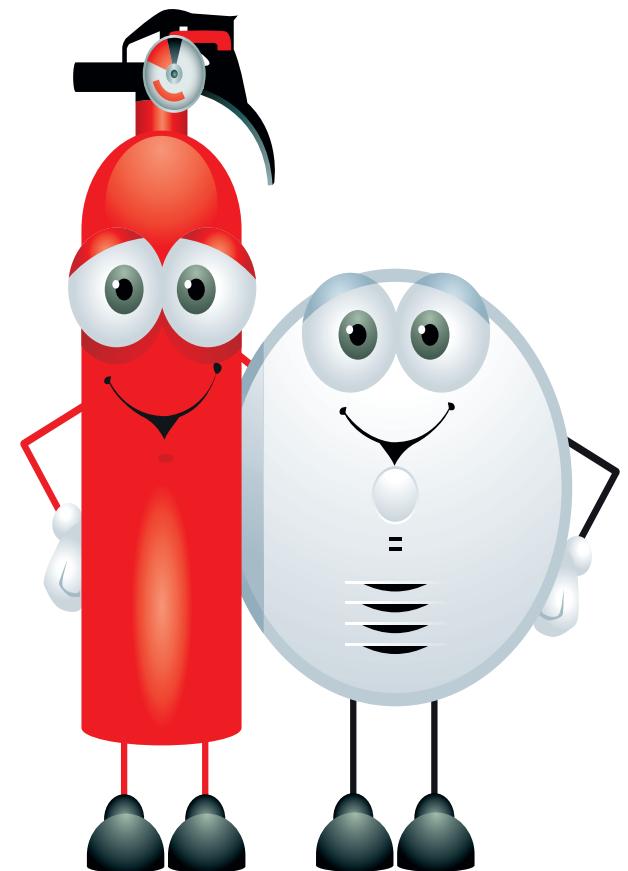
By Christine Urquhart

This time of year can be bad for home fires. Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart! Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January and February.

Heating equipment is involved in one in every six reported home fires, and one in every five home fire deaths. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.

Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away as possible from your house. Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month. Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least ten feet from your home and any nearby buildings. Plug only one heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time. Take care - don't become a statistic!



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