HOLIDAY SAFETY

21st Theater Sustainment Command

Thanksgiving Weekend Safety

USAREUR Four Day Holiday Weekend, 27-30 November 2014

Team 21, Thanksgiving Weekend provides the opportunity to pause and give thanks for our many blessings. The Christmas shopping season starts with Black Friday and German Christmas Markets. Take advantage of the unique European holiday experience. When traveling, remain attentive to the weather and always adjust your driving to changing road conditions. Please review and discuss with Family and friends the hazards listed below:

Kitchen Fires. Never leave the kitchen unattended when cooking and always keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher handy. Turn pot handles inward to keep them from catching on loose-fitting clothing – and to keep little ones from grabbing them. If cooking your turkey in a deep fryer, keep it outdoors away from the house. Make sure the turkey is thawed and ensure the oil won't overflow into the cooking flames when you put the turkey in the pot. **Thanksgiving has four times more household fires than any other day of the year!**

Alcohol Related Incidents. Good hosts ensure their guests have return plans. A variety of non-alcoholic beverages should be available for designated drivers and non-drinkers. If hosting a party, monitor guests for signs of intoxication. Never allow guests to drive after alcohol consumption. Remind your friends of the **0-1-2-3 strategy** for responsible drinking and always remember that **friends don't let friends drive drunk!**

Christmas Decorations. If you have a natural Christmas tree, water it daily and keep a fire extinguisher handy. Never use real candles on your tree. Use a ladder when a ladder is needed, not a chair. Use grounded extension cords and replace electrical decorations that are frayed or have loose connections. Unplug your decorations/lights when you go to bed.

Let us use our individual professionalism **VE$_3$ST!** Values; Enthusiasm-Endurance-Excellence; Stewardship; and Teamwork and pursue this Thanksgiving Weekend with Family, friends, faith, and fun as our mission for lasting memories.

FIRST IN SUPPORT-READY STRONG!

Be Holiday Safe - HOOAH!

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