## Being Safe this Thanksgiving Holiday Safety Tips

## **Travel**

Flying: Pack light, most airlines charge extra for checked bags, use a carry-on to avoid the cost and the risk of bags getting lost

Book flights early to avoid higher costs or sold out flights

Arrive early to be sure you won't miss your flight, chances of getting another flight is unlikely

Driving: Leave early in the morning to avoid traffic

If traveling through a big city, use a traffic app to check traffic conditions



Pack extra snacks and water for the trip to keep from frequent stops

Get vehicle maintenance done before you leave check tire pressure, fluids and fill your tank before leaving

## Cooking

Wash your hands and surfaces often with warm soapy water

Seperate foods, never cross-contaminate

Always cook foods to the correct temperature, check them with a food thermometer



Keep raw turkey separated from all other foods

Fry a thawed turkey outside only, and away from your home and do not overfill or overheat the oil in the turkey fryer.

Never leave cooking food unattended on the stove.

Refrigerate promptly if not eating right away

## **Fire**

Keep all flamable items away from the stove and oven.



Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of emergency, teach your family how to use it

Never wear loose fitting clothing when cooking, open sleeves could ignite and catch fire from a flame or hot burner

Have a "kids-free" zone of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot foods and drinks are prepared or carried

Have smoke alarms on every level of your home; test them monthly and replace batteries twice a year and replace alarms that are 10+ years old

Place burning candles away from flammable items, and blow them out before leaving the room

