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Are You Ready For Thanksgiving? ReadyWisconsin has simple tips to keep holiday safe

(MADISON) – Over the river and through the woods...people across Wisconsin will be driving and flying for the holidays. ReadyWisconsin wants you and your family to be safe. Following these simple tips during the Thanksgiving weekend can save you from heartaches, headaches and potential dangers.

On the road

- Check the roads: Before you leave, get the latest Wisconsin road conditions at www.511wi.gov or call 511
- Keep gas in the tank: Have at least a half tank of gas in your car in case you are stranded or stuck and need to run your heater
- Have a winter emergency kit: Keep a kit in your vehicle with candles and matches, a flashlight, pocket knife, snacks, a cell phone adapter, a blanket and extra clothing. For a complete list and a chance to win a kit, go to <http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov>

Thanksgiving Day Fire Danger

- Each year more than 4,000 fires occur on Thanksgiving Day
- Leading cause of fires: unattended cooking
- Make sure all stoves, ovens and ranges are turned off when you leave the kitchen
- Set timers to keep track of turkeys and other food items that require extended cooking times
- Follow all manufacturer guidelines regarding the appropriate use of appliances including turkey fryers
- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, and other items away from your stovetop

Accidents Happen, Be Ready

- Cooking-related burns are common at Thanksgiving. Save the butter for the rolls and not a burn. For superficial burns, cool the area by running cold water on the burn until the heat eases, then loosely cover the burn with a sterile dressing. Seek appropriate medical care.

For additional Thanksgiving safety tips, visit <http://ReadyWisconsin.wi.gov>. Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ReadyWisconsin) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/ReadyWisconsin).