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Holiday Decoration Safety Tips From San Bernardino County Fire

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Mountain Communities – **San Bernardino County Fire** has offered up some safety tips for your Holiday decorations.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CHECK

Before you put up your electrical Christmas lights, check the cords and make sure there are no frayed areas, burned out bulbs or empty sockets. Any damaged strands of light should be thrown out or recycled.

ARTIFICIAL OR NATURAL TREES

If you use an artificial tree, make sure it is made of safe, fireproof material. If your artificial tree is pre-lit, make sure you test the tree, and check all electrical cords and connectors for damage, fraying or broken parts before using the tree. On a pre-lit tree, check carefully for burnt-out, broken or damaged light sockets. Damaged equipment should be replaced or repaired before using the tree.

For natural trees, make a fresh, 1-inch cut at the base, to open pores clogged by sap. The fresh cut should be creamy-white so that the tree will be able to drink water. Water the tree every day. Place the tree away from heat sources: heating vents, fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, T.V. sets or sunny windows. Keep rearranged furniture away from heat sources as well. Be careful not to block a door with the tree or with rearranged furniture.

REMOVAL AND RECYCLING OF TREES

After the holidays, remove a natural tree from the house as soon as possible. Never burn any part of a Christmas tree in a wood stove or fireplace: it burns too fast and is **EXPLOSIVE!** The best alternative is to **RECYCLE** your tree through you local city or county program.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday season!

<https://rotwnews.com/2018/11/30/holiday-decoration-safety-tips-from-san-bernardino-county-fire/>

Man stabbed at Grady Trammel Park in Victorville airlifted to hospital

Staff Writer, Victor Valley News

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Deputies closed off the area with crime scene tape and followed a blood trail left behind. (screengrab//YouTube)

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (VVNG.com) — A man was airlifted to a hospital on Thursday afternoon after he was stabbed at Grady Trammel Park in Victorville.

At about 2:45 pm, deputies responded to the Burrtec Recycling Center in the 17000 block of Stoddard Wells Road reference a stabbing victim.

Victorville Sheriff's Spokeswoman Mara Rodriguez said the man was stabbed by an unknown suspect in the park and after the stabbing, he [the victim] ran to the Burrtec parking lot, where he asked employees to call for help.

San Bernardino County Firefighters responded to the scene and treated an adult male with a stab wound to his torso. California Highway Patrol's helicopter H80 landed in a field near the scene and airlifted the patient to a trauma center for treatment.

Rodriguez said the victim refused to give any information to deputies about the incident or suspect(s) and no suspects have been located.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies with the Victorville Station focused their investigation at Trammel Grady Park near a van, and also directly in front of the recycling center's front office.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Victorville Police Department at (760)241-2911.

<https://www.vvng.com/man-stabbed-at-grady-trammel-park-in-victorville-airlifted-to-hospital/>

Mudslide shuts down Highway 38 near Forest Falls in San Bernardino Mountains

RICHARD K. DE ATLEY and ROBERT GUNDRAN, Press Enterprise

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A mudslide trapped several vehicles along Valley of the Falls Dr. in Forest Falls on Thursday, November 29, 2018. (Photo by Stan Lim, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

Flowing mud trapped cars and their drivers in the San Bernardino Mountains Thursday as a rainstorm swept through the region.

In one car overtaken by a mud flow in the area of Valley of the Falls Drive and Highway 38 near Forest Falls in the mountains left one stuck driver "freaking out," according to California Highway Patrol reports from the scene.

Rescue crews, including **San Bernardino County fire** personnel were called to the mountain community to assist in freeing the motorists from the debris flow. Both sides of Highway 38 at Valley of the Falls Road was shut down due to the mudslide, CHP officials said.

The California Department of Transportation said Highway 38 was still closed as of 5:15 p.m. between Angelus Oaks and Bryant Street, with no specific end in sight for road closures.

Caltrans spokeswoman Ivy Estrada said everyone in the vehicles along the roadway were rescued within a few hours.

“Caltrans crews are working very hard to clear debris, but the rain needs to stop,” the department said on Twitter. “Duration remains unknown.”

“We’re working out there, trying to clear everything up,” Estrada said. “We’re hoping to get everything cleared out tonight, but there’s no way to know for sure.”

A storm moved through the region Thursday that brought inches of rain to the recently charred areas of Riverside and Orange counties as well as in LA and Ventura counties.

Mudslides and debris flows occurred near the Holy fire burn area as well as the Woolsey fire burn area, but no injuries had been reported, according to officials.

<https://www.pe.com/2018/11/29/mudslide-shuts-down-highway-38-near-valley-of-the-falls/>

Firefighter suffers electrical shock while battling fire in San Bernardino marijuana grow house

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A **San Bernardino County firefighter** was taken to a hospital after he suffered an electric shock Thursday morning while battling a fire at a home being used for an illegal marijuana growing operation in San Bernardino, officials said.

The firefighter suffered minor injuries and was taken to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton as a precaution, said Eric Sherwin, a spokesman with the fire department.

Firefighters were called to the 800 block of West Campus Way for a structure fire just after 10:30 a.m. They discovered the home was the site where marijuana was growing and had illegally hooked into power from Southern California Edison, according to a news release from San Bernardino police.

The power was turned off, but a charge was left in the house appliances and outlets. When a firefighter used a metal tool to cut into a metal security gate, he received a shock, the release said.

Arson investigators said the fire started in the attic of the home at an electrical panel, and was the result of faulty wiring.

San Bernardino police said the home had about 100 marijuana plants growing in two bedrooms, and the incident is under investigation by both the department’s Special Enforcement Team and the city’s code enforcement division.

No arrests were announced.

<https://www.sbsun.com/2018/11/29/firefighter-shocked-while-battling-san-bernardino-fire-hospitalized-as-a-precaution/>

House fire reveals illegal marijuana grow

County firefighter treated for electrocution at fire caused by illegal electrical hook-up..

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On Thursday, Nov. 29, a **county firefighter** was electrocuted while responding to a structure fire at San Bernardino house discovered to be an illegal marijuana grow. His injuries were non-life threatening.

At approximately 10:40 a.m. the San Bernardino County Fire Department received a 911 call regarding a residential house fire at 824 W. Campus Way in San Bernardino. Upon arrival, they discovered an illegal marijuana grow that was illegally hooked into So Cal Edison electricity. The power and electricity was turned off but there was still a charge left in the household appliances and outlets. One of the firefighters made entry to the residence using a metal tool on a metal security gate and was electrocuted in the process. He was transferred to a local hospital for treatment and is under observation, but his injuries are non-life threatening.

Arson investigators determined that the fire started in the attic at the electrical panel and was a result of the faulty wiring in the home.

After discovering the illegal marijuana grow operation, San Bernardino County Fire dispatched the San Bernardino Police Department. Officers arrived on scene at approximately 11 a.m. and entered the home where they found approximately 100 plants in two of the bedrooms. The SBPD Special Enforcement Team responded and is currently investigating the situation along with our code enforcement division.

No suspects have been charged at this time.

If you have any additional information regarding

https://www.highlandnews.net/news/public_safety/house-fire-reveals-illegal-marijuana-grow/article_56321c60-f43a-11e8-8be6-fbbf0323f18d.html