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Hi there and welcome to Solutions Fire Safety December Newsletter. This month we wanted to give you some advice on staying safe this Christmas and a little video for you to watch too (the makers have assured us that there was no additional fuel used). I hope you enjoy and we'll be in contact in the new year. Merry Christmas from all at

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This did made the office chuckle when it came through my RSS Feed last week.

'The crime had a simple plan. They were to throw two bricks at a pub window followed by his accomplice tossing in a petrol bomb. But even that was beyond the bulging due'

Instead of the petrol bomb being thrown through the window, he threw the bomb straight at his friend who in turn panicked and tried to run away...BANG!! Straight into a lamppost! Everything was caught on camera for us to see.



[Click here to be directed to this funny clip!](#)

First engineer to be prosecuted under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. A former fire fighter who failed to maintain a fire alarm system at a care home will face sentence next week. It is believed to be the first of it's kind under the RRO. The law now clearly demonstrates that they will prosecute the Responsible Person and will not accept 'culpable neglect' by the defendant.

Officers said 'It would send a strong message throughout the fire industry that Fire & Rescue Authorities in England and Wales will not hesitate in taking firm action against anyone that falls short of their obligations under fire legislation.'

In this news this month:

- > A leading bakers has been fined £50,000 and ordered to pay a further £20,326 in costs after pleading guilty to serious breaches at one of it's stores.
- > Three have been rescued from a fire on the eighth floor of a tower block
- > Fire Regulations for timber frame and high rise buildings should be toughened up urgently, a London Assembly Committee has warned.
- > A construction company are fined for breaches of fire safety legislation.

Christmas Precautions to Take During the Festive Season

For those of us with a festive disposition, the month of December is all about Christmas! During this time we spend time at home with the family enjoying the splendour of Christmas. Lights, candles, decorations and celebrations, as enjoyable as this time can be for us, there are certain precautions that it would be prudent to consider. Many are unaware of the potential fire hazards and toxic threats that lurk within a combination of fairy lights, candles, flammable decorations, Christmas trees, wrapping paper etc. Following recent fire statistics which showed a rise in the number of accidental fire deaths and injuries over the festive period, we are urging you to take extra precautions when getting into the celebratory spirit.

Good Housekeeping

Fire Safety Awareness at all times is of course essential. The majority of fire incidents are caused by people's actions and becoming aware of ones surroundings in regard to fire safety will help reduce risk significantly. **Watch the video (click here)** to see how quickly a Christmas tree, a real one in this case, can go up in flames if it is not watered regularly. Wrapping paper, decorations, presents all are fuel for fire.

Fairy lights, Christmas Lights, Candles

We've all seen it, houses decorated with glowing reindeer, daisy chain lights, flashing Santa's and a blow up Snowman. Don't overload sockets! Check fairy lights are in good working order. Fairy lights can be held on to for years (well we only use them two weeks out of a year – so why not) but unsafe and faulty lights can be a major hazard. Above all just be careful and have fun!! [Please click here for full story.](#)

Solutions Fire Safety February 2011 Training Dates

Responsible Person Training (2 Day) - 16th & 17th February

Fire Warden Training - Friday 11th February

Managing Fire Safety Training (1 Day) - Tuesday 22nd February



A Big Thank You

I would just like to take this space to thank you all for your cooperation and all your feedback (usually positive) on this newsletter. I took over writing this newsletter in February this year and I am proud to say that it has definitely improved since the first Issue. I look forward to the New Year and to good things to come. Hope you have a great holiday and enjoy your time off.

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Merry
Christmas
&
Happy
New Year!