

GIFT GIVING IDEAS

Wrap Up The Gift Of Safety

(NAPSA)—The next time you plan on presenting a present, consider giving the gift of safety. Fire safety products (smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers) save lives, yet many families are not adequately protected.

According to research recently conducted by the world leader in fire detection and suppression, most Americans are ill equipped to escape a fire in their homes. The results of this nationwide study show that only one-third (34 percent) of American households have more than one fire extinguisher.

While experts warn that extinguishers should not be used to combat large, rapidly spreading fires, having a working fire extinguisher within reach on every level of your home and for every 600 feet of living space may be your only chance to create a path to safety in the event of a fire.

Carbon monoxide (CO) poses an additional risk; it's odorless, colorless and tasteless and the cause of more accidental poisoning deaths than any other agent, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Experts recommend installing a CO alarm on every level of the home and in sleeping areas. Kidde offers an alarm with digital display and peak level memory features to let emergency personnel know how high the CO level was, and therefore, how victims should be treated in case of an incident. The product also offers a battery backup feature.

The safety savvy also say homeowners should install a working smoke alarm in every room of the house, including basements and finished attics, in each



Safety equipment, such as a fire alarm, fire extinguisher or carbon monoxide alert, makes a thoughtful gift that could someday save the recipient's life.

bedroom and hallways outside of every sleeping area and at the top and bottom of stairways.

The Kidde combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarm includes an advanced voice warning feature that verbally distinguishes whether the alarm is sounding for a fire or for a CO threat. All alarms should be tested regularly according to the manufacturer's instructions and replaced when they are 10-years-old or more.

Outfitting friends and family with fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide alarms and smoke alarms may be the most thoughtful gift you can give during the holiday season. Don't forget replacement batteries for existing alarms. Wrap them up as helpful stocking stuffers.

For more safety information, visit www.kiddeus.com.