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## Recreational Vehicle Safety

**Olympia** – Camping is a popular summer activity, and there are plenty of options to increase the comfort and ease of spending time outdoors with family. Recreational vehicles (RVs) and campers can have an increased risk of fire incidents.

In 2022 there were 15 fire deaths in Washington State that occurred in recreational vehicles. In an effort to increase safety, the following tips are recommended:

- Check your propane tank regularly and test for leaks.
- Install and maintain working carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.
- Install a fire extinguisher, know how to use and conduct a monthly inspection.
- Keep doorways and walkways clear.
- Keep space heaters 3 feet away for combustibles. Ensure the space heater unit has tip protection features.
- Practice an escape plan.
- Make sure to use electrical outlets properly, and do not overload the circuitry.
- Watch what you cook and turn burner and ovens off when finished.
- Inspect your RV camper before heading down the roadways.

For more information, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (360) 596-3904.

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