

# Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Chairman District Disaster Management Authority (District Magistrate), Kishtwar

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#### ADVISORY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC FOR WINTER SEASON

In view of the approaching winter season and to avert untoward incidents arising out of fire mishaps, extreme cold and poor visibility conditions, the general public is hereby advised to exercise utmost caution and adhere to the following safety measures. These precautions, though seemingly simple, may act as a stitch in time that saves nine.

## **Fire Safety Measures:**

- 1. Ensure that all electrical heating appliances, stoves, bukharis, and LPG gas stoves are properly switched off and unplugged before going to bed or leaving home. A moment's negligence can turn comfort into catastrophe.
- 2. Use Kangris with utmost care. Keep them at a safe distance from bedding, curtains and synthetic clothing. Never sleep while holding a lit Kangri.
- 3. Avoid storing dry grass, firewood or any combustible material inside residential premises. Store such materials in dry and isolated places away from dwellings.
- 4. Strictly refrain from using faulty or substandard electrical gadgets, defective heating rods, or damaged extension cords. Substandard devices often become a ticking time bomb during high load periods.
- 5. Use certified miniature circuit breakers (MCBs) and Earth Leakage Circuit Breakers (ELCBs) of correct rating to prevent short circuits and electrical fires.
- 6. Ensure LPG cylinders and gas connections are checked periodically for leaks. Always close the cylinder valve after use and ensure proper ventilation while operating LPG heaters.
- 7. Do not discard burning cigarette butts or matches carelessly remember, a small spark can kindle a great fire.
- 8. Maintain clear access to all exits, stairways and approach roads for emergency evacuation.

## **Health & Cold Weather Safety:**

- 1. Dress in multiple layers of warm clothing, cover hands, ears and feet adequately to avoid frostbite and hypothermia.
- 2. Avoid prolonged exposure to freezing temperatures, particularly for children and the elderly.

- 3. Consume warm fluids and a balanced diet rich in calories to maintain body heat.
- 4. Avoid the use of unventilated bukharis or gas heaters inside closed rooms to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning an invisible killer that claims lives silently.
- 5. Regularly check on elderly neighbors and individuals living alone during harsh weather spells a small act of care can make a world of difference.

## **Traffic & Visibility Precautions:**

- 1. During foggy mornings and evenings, drive cautiously with fog lights and low beams on. Maintain safe distance between vehicles.
- 2. Avoid unnecessary travel during heavy snowfall or slippery road conditions.
- 3. Ensure that vehicle tires are in good condition and keep essential items like torch, blanket, and first-aid kit in your vehicle.

## **Emergency Contact Numbers:**

- District Control Room: 9484217492 / 01995-259555.
- > Police Control Room: 9906154100.

> Fire & Emergency Services Toll Free No. 101.

(Pankaj Kumar Sharma) JKAS

District Magistrate, (Chairman DDMA),

Kishtwar.

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- 1. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, for favour of kind information.
- 2. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, for information.
- 3. Sub-Divisional Magistrates (All), for information.
- 4. Tehsildars, (All), for information and with directions to give wide publicity to this advisory through Lumberdars/Chowkidars, within their respective jurisdictions.
- 5. District Information Officer, Kishtwar, for information and with the directions to make wide publicity of the above advisory.
- 6. District Informatics Officer, (NIC) Kishtwar, for uploading the Advisory on the official District Website.
- 7. AD Fire & Emergency Kishtwar, for information and necessary action.
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