



Congratulations! Employee of the Winter Season

Patty Keister

WINTER BIRTHDAYS

Shynice Avery
Brenda Davis
Kathy Hogan
Myra Larkett
Patty Murray
Angela Porecca
Samantha Schrock
Shanni Skelly

WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW CAREGIVERS!

Arnold Harris
Samantha Schrock
Jennifer Pelish
Sylvia Grantham
Shannon Hill



The Guardian Angels' staff would like to congratulate our employee of the holiday season, **Patty Keister**. Thank you very much for your dedication and hard work over the past several months. Patty works 7 days a week, on average 50 hours a week and she is still always there to pick up the slack when someone calls off for one of her clients. **Patty** has shown that she genuinely cares about her clients and will go out of her way to help when asked. She shows great compassion and uses critical thinking skills to keep her clients safe. Thank you, **Patty**, for being a great example in the way you represent Guardian Angels. Please keep an eye out for a thank you gift we are sending you.

Sincerely,

The Guardian Angels Office Staff

Wear Your Masks!
Test yourself when you feel sick.



New This Month

We have added a "Caregivers" tab to our Guardian Angels Website. The new page offers easy to access Incident Reports for both client and caregiver, along with our on-call schedule. Our goal with making this information available to you is to empower each of you and provide transparency.

Let's say for example you call the on-call number, and no one answers. What do you do? Previously, you may have just sent a text to one of us – not knowing who is on call. And then that scheduler (not on-call) doesn't see your message until Monday morning or the next day. Now, you will be able to see who on-call is and to whom you need to address your texts.

<http://www.ga-shs.com/Caregivers.html>

We're Always Hiring!

Ask about our referral

\$Bonus\$

Applications Available @
<http://www.shoshana.com/RM1772/app/job-application>

Like Guardian Angels on Facebook or follow us on LinkedIn! Spread the word about our awesome company and amazing caregivers!



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Notes from the office



COVID: Masks (above the nose) are STILL 100% required in ALL homes
The VACCINE: get it if you can & let us know that you did

COVID is surging bad. Take every precaution possible to prevent transmission – isolate and test yourself when you start to feel yourself becoming ill.

Please review your personal schedule prior to accepting shift offers.
We had 52 last minute (<24hr notice) call-offs in Dec & Jan and 112 employee canceled shifts for the same months.
The majority of the 112 employee canceled shifts are the result of poor planning on the part of the caregiver – you!

We are in a scheduling crisis! The general consensus is that people no longer want to work as often as they have in the past. Additionally, we are getting fewer new applicants than ever before.

Communication Books.

Let us know who doesn't have one in their home

A communication book is located in each of our client's homes. Its purpose is to inform any aide, family member or the client themselves of what was done on your shift.

An entry should be made for each shift including: Your name and the date/time of the shift.

Each Client is to have a GA Communication book in their home that is to be used for each shift. It is your responsibility to let us know when they do not have one and help coordinate getting them one.

What to write in the Communication Book?

- Bowel movements/ lack of bowel movements need to be recorded.
- How is your client feeling today? Any pain? Where?
- Did the client take their medicine? What time?
- Tasks completed by caregiver, i.e. laundry, trash, vacuuming, and ALL personal-care tasks.
- What food was prepared and served to the client, including fluid intake
- Transportation of any kind
- Any concerns about the clients condition



Winter Weather Preparedness













Dressing for Cold Weather



Home Winter Preparedness Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/>  Select Foods
See Additional Checklist | <input type="checkbox"/>  Warm Clothing
Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots | <input type="checkbox"/>  Flashlights & Extra Batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Disposable Dishware
Plates, Bowls, Utensils | <input type="checkbox"/>  Extra Blankets | <input type="checkbox"/>  First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Specialty Items
Meds, Infant Formula, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/>  Matches
For Candles & Gas Fireplaces | <input type="checkbox"/>  Cell Phone
Fully Charged |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Portable Radio
AM/FM/Wx Radio & Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/>  Shovel/Snow Blower
Check condition & maintain | <input type="checkbox"/>  Firewood
For Wood Fireplaces |

Vehicle Winter Preparedness Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/>  Flashlight & Extra Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/>  Blankets/Sleeping Bag | <input type="checkbox"/>  Extra Clothing
Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  First Aid Kit | <input type="checkbox"/>  Non-Perishable Food
Granola Bars, Dried nuts, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/>  Sand/Kitty Litter
Used for Traction |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Snow Shovel | <input type="checkbox"/>  Bottled Water | <input type="checkbox"/>  Cell Phone & Charger |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  Ice Scraper with Brush | <input type="checkbox"/>  Booster Cables | <input type="checkbox"/>  Flares/Triangles & other Bright Objects |

Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



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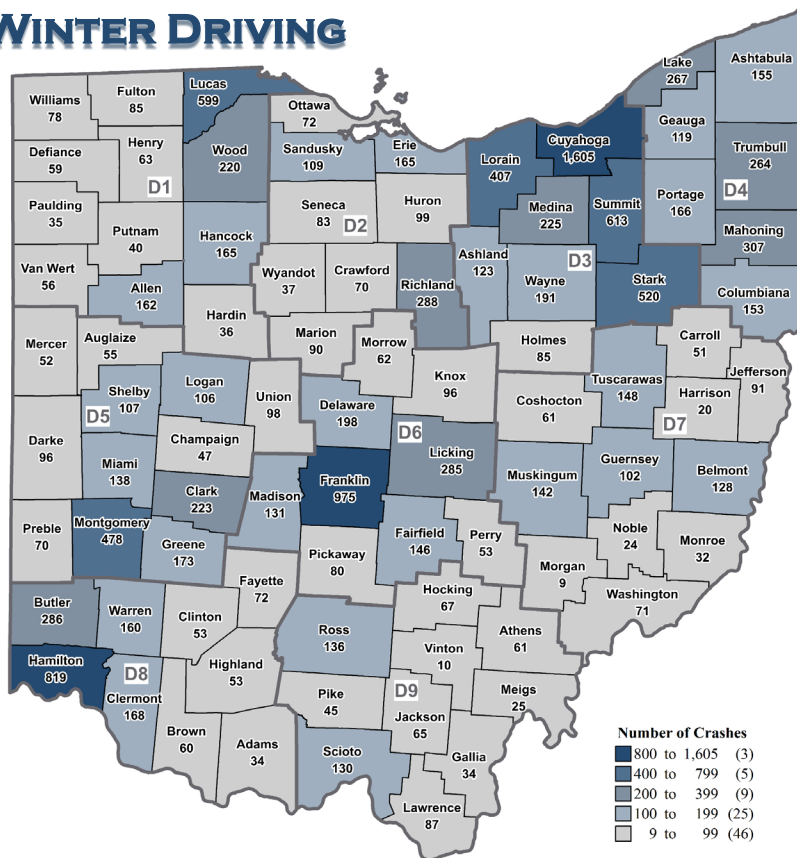
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TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

JANUARY 2022



WINTER DRIVING



Map and Table: December 2020 through March 2021 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads.

OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	1,598
District 2	1,013
District 3	3,769
District 4	1,431
District 5	1,643
District 6	2,026
District 7	879
District 8	1,705
District 9	660

Total 14,724

Winter Driving Crashes

- During the winter of 2020-21*, there were 14,724 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads in Ohio, a 62% increase over the previous winter's total and a 6% decrease from the previous three winters' average. December and January saw significant increases in the number of winter driving crashes. During these two months crashes more than doubled (+107%) from the winter of 2019-20.
- Last winter, 26 fatal crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads resulted in 33 fatalities. This is an increase from the 22 crashes (+18%) and 24 fatalities (+38%) that occurred during the previous winter's months. Another 3,733 people (+50%) were injured in such crashes.
- "Unsafe Speed" by the at-fault vehicle was the reported cause of 24% of crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads. For fatal crashes, going left of center was the reason given for 26% of crashes.
- Additional crash information is available on the Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) crash dashboard <https://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats.aspx>

Winter Driving Tips

- Prepare your vehicle for winter driving by ensuring that your battery, cooling system, tires, wipers, and defrosters are in good condition and working properly. Click [here](#) for additional information.
- Drive slowly. Everything – accelerating, turning, braking – takes longer on snow covered roads. Give yourself time to maneuver by slowing down. Click [here](#) for more safe winter driving tips.
- Carry a winter car kit in case you get stranded. It should include, among other things, a flashlight, jumper cables, flares, a small shovel, a blanket, food and water. Click [here](#) to see a complete list.

*Winter is defined as the December through March period.

Be Ready! Winter Weather

