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Eastern Idaho Public Health, Madison County Fire Department, and Eastern Idaho Medical Reserve Corps offer FREE Home Safety Visits

(Southeast Idaho) – At age 65, older adults are twice as likely to be killed or injured in fires compared to the population at large. By age 75, that risk increases the three times that of the general population and to four times by age 85.

Fire and burns are not the only hazards that threaten our older citizens. Statistics from CDC shows that falls are the leading cause of death and unintentional injury in the home. Thirty percent of people age 65 and older are involved in falls each year – some of those falls are fatal, while others permanently disable victims, often causing loss of mobility or independence.

By focusing attention on these two serious issues, we can make a measureable improvement in the health and well-being of older adults. Eastern Idaho Public Health, Eastern Idaho Medical Reserve Corp, and Madison County Fire Department are offering FREE fire and fall prevention home safety visits designed to prevent injuries among older adults and help them live safely at home.

The home visit empowers older adults to work alongside the fire department and public health to promote a safer home environment. Team members are scheduling FREE Fire and Fall Safety appointments in Madison County and the surrounding areas and will help older adults identify changes that will increase home safety.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment for yourself or a loved one, please contact Timalee Geisler at 208-533-3149.

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