



showing just how volatile dried Christmas trees can be left unattended in the home. At left, Fire Prevention Officer Don Stewart shows a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector, two things no home should be without - especially during the holiday season.

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There's a limit to how much you can give.

Starting on January 1, 2004, new rules governing federal political financing will set out clear limits for everyone.

- · As a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada, you can give up to \$5,000 in total per year to each registered political party, including its registered riding associations, nomination contestants and candidates.
- You can also give up to \$5,000 in total to the leadership contestants of a registered party per leadership race, and \$5,000 per election to each candidate who is not of a registered party.
- The maximum tax credit has been increased to \$650 for eligible political contributions.
- · Corporations and trade unions (with some exceptions) can give up to \$1,000 per year in total to the candidates, nomination contestants and registered riding associations of each registered political party, and can give up to \$1,000 per election to each candidate who is not of a registered party.
- Corporations and trade unions cannot make contributions to the registered parties themselves or to their leadership contestants.

For more details on these and many other important changes to the Canada Elections Act, click in the Political Financing box on our Web site at www.elections.ca or call 1 800 463-6868.



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