

News Release

HOLIDAY FILMS CREATE UNIQUE RISK CHALLENGES

Fireman's Fund Insurance Company Insures Top Holiday Films

NOVATO, Calif. (November 14, 2011) – While moviegoers will enjoy the special effects, 3-D technology, stunts, and scenery of this year's films, including "Immortals," "Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part 1," "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows," "J. Edgar" and "Hugo," most aren't aware of the risks involved when shooting a movie. Movie studios must protect themselves from a variety of insurance risks and liabilities to their cast members, crew and the production process during the filming process.

"This year's holiday movies feature a wide range of risks, including complex action sequences, 3-D technology, and foreign location filming that contribute appreciably to a film's overall risk," said Lori Fouché, president and CEO of Fireman's Fund. "As the industry leader, Fireman's Fund helps production companies manage unexpected risks by working closely to ensure the safety of all participants while still achieving the director's artistic vision."

With nearly a century of experience insuring everything from independent films to major blockbusters, Fireman's Fund Entertainment Division is dedicated to helping producers and studios shoot the movie on-time, safely and within budget. This is done by analyzing risks and finding solutions to cover specific exposures.

"We're seeing an increase in 3-D movies, such as 'Hugo' and 'A Very Harold & Kumar 3-D Christmas' and Fireman's Fund continues to stay updated on the latest technologies to best underwrite and understand the risk and exposures involved," said Lauren Bailey, vice president of entertainment at Fireman's Fund.

Recently released holiday productions insured by Fireman's Fund:

- "J. Edgar" starring Leonardo DiCaprio and directed by Clint Eastwood
- "The Rum Diary" with Johnny Depp, Giovanni Ribisi and Aaron Eckhart
- "Tower Heist" featuring Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy
- "In Time" starring Justin Timberlake and Amanda Seyfried
- "Anonymous" with Rhys Ifans, Vanessa Redgrave and David Thewlis
- "A Very Harold & Kumar 3-D Christmas" featuring Kal Penn and John Cho
- "Another Happy Day" including Ellen Barkin, Ezra Miller and Kate Bosworth
- "Immortals" with Henry Cavill, Mickey Rourke and John Hurt
- "Jack and Jill" starring Adam Sandler and Katie Holmes
- "The Greening of Whitney Brown" with Sammi Hanratty, Brooke Shields and Aidan Quinn

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Upcoming holiday films insured by Fireman's Fund:

- "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (Nov. 18) starring Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner
- "Hugo" (Nov. 23) a 3-D movie directed by Martin Scorsese
- "The Artist" (Nov. 23) written and directed by Michel Hazanavicius
- "New Year's Eve" (Dec. 9) directed by Garry Marshall
- "Young Adult" (Dec. 9) with Charlize Theron, Patrick Wilson and Patton Oswalt
- "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" (Nov. 16) starring Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law
- "The Iron Lady" (Dec. 16) featuring Meryl Streep
- "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" (Dec. 21) with Daniel Craig and Rooney Mara
- "In the Land of Blood and Honey" (Dec. 23) written and directed by Angelina Jolie
- "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" (Dec. 25) starring Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock and Thomas Horn
- "The Darkest Hour" (Dec. 25) a science fiction film featuring Emile Hirsch, Olivia Thirlby and Max Minghella

A dedicated Fireman's Fund claims and risk services team works closely with movie studios to review scripts in advance to discuss what elements, such as stunts, action sequences, pyrotechnics, air or water crafts, are planned and collaborate on the safest way to film those scenes. "As the insurer, we're most concerned with understanding all of the safety measures in place and have risk services consultants who work closely to create a safe environment that reduces the risk for everyone involved," said Bailey.

"Action oriented films like 'Sherlock Holmes' and 'Immortals' can be risky because if a cast member becomes injured and is unable to work, the production could be shut down, costing up to \$250,000 a day for a major budget film," said Paul Holehouse, entertainment risk consultant at Fireman's Fund. "In addition, filming in international locations, like Sweden for 'The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo' and Brazil for 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1' pose a variety of challenges, including the set, transportation of film equipment and costumes, and the potential for dealing with illness in a foreign location."

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