

# HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY



*The holidays should be enjoyable. To ensure your holiday celebrations are fire safe and injury free, follow these safety tips.*



*Holiday decorations are responsible for more than \$11 million in home fire damages each year.*



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## **Candles**

- Consider using flameless candles and flame-resistant candleholders to reduce fire risk.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from flammable materials and place them on heat-resistant surfaces.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Extinguish all candles before leaving a room or going to sleep.

## **Lighting and Decorations**

- Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections before using.
- Replace burned-out bulbs promptly with the same wattage bulb.
- Don't overload electrical outlets with too many lights or decorations and make sure all extension cords are marked for proper use.
- Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor holiday lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.

## **Christmas Trees**

- Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, heater vents, air ducts, and other heat sources.
- Make sure the tree is out of the way of day-to-day traffic and doesn't block doorways.
- Ornaments and other holiday decorations should be non-combustible or flame-resistant.
- Remove your tree promptly from your home after the holidays. An ignited tree can be totally consumed by fire in 3-5 seconds, and generate over 2,000 degrees of radiant heat.