

# Fire Safe Holidays

*Fire safety is just as important during the holidays as it is all year. In fact, it's even MORE important because of the extra responsibilities that special occasions bring.*

## Happy New Year.

- At a party, check to be sure the exits are clear.
- Never let friends drink excessively. Alcohol affects judgement and coordination.
- Check under furniture and cushions for smoldering cigarettes.
- Follow safety guidelines when using fireworks. Better yet, attend a public display operated by professionals.



## HALLOWEEN



- Costumes and decorations should only be made of flame-retardant materials. Avoid loose, flammable clothing.
- Each mask, wig, and costume must be easily seen at night.
- Use battery-powered lights for jack-o-lanterns, not candles.
- Keep decorations away from sources of heat, such as exposed bulbs and open flames.



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July

### Fireworks Safety

- Check to be sure local laws permit private fireworks celebrations.
- Adults should supervise the use of fireworks.
- Sparks and smoldering embers from fireworks can start fires. Have water nearby for emergencies.
- Never use fireworks in neighborhood backyards or other crowded areas.
- Always light fireworks one at a time.



### Outdoor Cooking Safety

- Keep grills a safe distance from houses and overhangs.
- Use only properly labeled starter fluid, never substitute gasoline or kerosene.
- Never apply fire starter to a smoldering fire. Instead, add dry kindling and blow gently across the coals.
- Never leave outdoor cooking unattended.



## Thanksgiving



- Start holiday cooking with a clean stove and oven.
- Keep kitchen clutter and loose clothing away from the stove's heat.
- Turn pot handles in, away from a child's reach.
- Use pot holders to prevent burns.
- Never throw water on a grease fire. Instead, cover the burning pan with a lid.
- Keep all appliances in good working order.
- Never overload electrical outlets. Unplug appliances when not in use.



- Never leave cooking food unattended.
- Keep Thanksgiving decorations away from sources of direct heat.

- Make sure your Christmas tree is fresh. Shedding needles is a sign of a dry tree.
- Keep your tree fresh by placing it in a stand that holds water.
- Make sure artificial trees are flame-retardant.
- Never smoke around the tree or flammable decorations.
- Place trees away from direct sources of heat.
- Never place a tree so that it blocks an exit.
- Only buy electric lights that are approved by a national testing lab.

## Christmas

- Never decorate metal trees with electric lights.
- Always unplug lights before going to bed.

- Never run electrical cords through doorways and under rugs.
- Keep candles in sturdy holders and never place them near combustibles, such as curtains.
- Avoid hanging stockings near an open flame.
- Never burn paper in a fireplace. This is a major cause of chimney fires.



# A Reason To Celebrate

# Make A Date To Be Fire Safe

Following these basic safety tips every day will insure your family's safety all year-round.

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				Keep fire extinguishers handy			Design a fire escape plan
4	5	6		7	8	9	10
Check smoke detectors regularly		Learn first aid for burns		Keep matches way from children			Practice home fire drills
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	Never smoke in bed		Know two exits from every room		Teach STOP, DROP and ROLL		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	Post emergency numbers by every phone			Store flammable liquids properly		Set your hot water heater to 120°F	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
		 <u>CRAWL LOW</u>	Crawl low in smoke	Replace damaged electrical cords			

**FIRE**

*Never Takes A  
Holiday*

Learning basic fire prevention facts and taking simple precautions can make all of your holiday celebrations safe and memorable.

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