

# HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY



Don't let your guard down during the holidays! More than 155,000 fires occur in the US during the holidays. Whether it's Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Year's or Halloween, holidays are the time to be extra cautious about fire safety.

Follow the tips below to ensure everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

## THE FIREPLACE

More than 21,000 house fires start as chimney fires.

- ❖ Never leave a fire unattended.
- ❖ Never allow children to play near a fireplace.
- ❖ Utilize safety screens to reduce the risk of burns.
- ❖ Never hang stockings over a lit fireplace. Make sure hearth decorations, like finsel or ribbons are not too close to the fire.



## CHRISTMAS TREES



- ❖ Frequently water your tree. Dry needles lead to fire.
- ❖ Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source.



31% of kitchen fires are caused by unattended equipment.

## THE KITCHEN

- ❖ Never wear loose clothing or sleeves that dangle while cooking.
- ❖ Make sure kids and pets stay at least three feet away from the stove.
- ❖ Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stove.
- ❖ Avoid using kitchen appliances if you're sleepy or consumed alcohol.



## CANDLES

More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.

- ❖ Never leave burning candles unattended. Make sure they are completely out before leaving the room.
- ❖ Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn.

- ❖ Keep candles out of reach of children and pets.



- ❖ Make sure the tree does not block an exit.
- ❖ Replace any string lights that have worn or broken cords.



More than 1 in 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.

## FIREWORKS

Fireworks start over 19,000 fires and send 9,000 people to the hospital each year.

- ❖ Never use fireworks when impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- ❖ Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities.
- ❖ Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- ❖ Keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy in case of fire and to douse fireworks before discarding.



**FIRE SAFETY IS JUST AS IMPORTANT DURING THE HOLIDAYS AS IT IS ALL YEAR LONG.**

**HAVE FUN AND BE FIRE SAFE!**