



# 10 WAYS TO BE HOLIDAY FIRE SAFE

## 1 **DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN**

Between lighting up jack-o'-lanterns for Halloween, cooking for Thanksgiving, Christmas trees, candles, and decorations, there are many holiday fire risks that you need to be aware of.

## 2 **HALLOWEEN SAFETY**

Use battery-operated candles for jack-o'-lanterns and other Halloween decorations. Keep Halloween decorations away from open flames.

## 3 **KITCHEN FIRE SAFETY**

Keep an eye on your cooking, stay in the kitchen, and be sure your cooking area is free of combustible materials.

## 4 **CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY**

Water your tree. Make sure the tree is at least three feet from any heat source. Replace any string lights that have worn or broken cords.

## 5 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SAFETY**

Don't overload your electrical outlets. Carefully inspect lights prior to hanging them, and replace any damaged lights or wiring.

## 6 **FIREWORKS SAFETY**

Never point or throw fireworks at a person or house. Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire.

## 7 **CANDLE SAFETY**

Never leave burning candles unattended. Make sure they are out before leaving the room.

## 8 **FIREPLACE SAFETY**

Never leave a fire unattended. Never allow children to play near a fireplace. Use safety screens to reduce the risk of sparks or burns.

## 9 **KEEP A FIRE EXTINGUISHER CLOSE**

Check to make sure that your fire extinguisher functions properly and that it is easily accessible at all times.

## 10 **CONTACT YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

If a fire grows beyond a contained area, GET OUT, STAY OUT, and CALL 9-1-1.

# ***HOLIDAY FIRE FACTS***

Holiday fires pose a very real risk to the safety of you and the ones you love. Understanding the risk is your first step to staying holiday fire safe.

Fire departments respond to nearly **800 home fires per year** that begin with holiday decorations.

Electrical or lighting equipment is involved in **more than 40% of Christmas tree fires in homes**. Thanksgiving is the peak day for home-cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

Candle fires peak in **December and January**.

An entire Christmas tree can be consumed by fire in **under 10 seconds**. A Christmas tree fire can get up to nearly **2,000 degrees Fahrenheit**.

Kitchen fires cause an estimated **135 deaths, 3,000 injuries, and over \$494 million** in property loss annually.

Fireworks cause **more than 2,000 structure fires** each year.