

Holiday Home Fire Safety



Keep the holidays festive and bright as you enjoy favorite traditions, celebrations around the table and making new memories.

Be **mindful** of these holiday home fire safety tips for all your festivities and be **safe!**



- 1.** Smoke alarms save lives. Make sure you have smoke alarms installed where they can help most: near your kitchen, on each level of your home, near sleeping areas, inside and outside bedrooms. Test monthly and replace batteries at least once a year.
- 2.** Check that decorations and light strings are in good condition. If the electrical cord is frayed, do not use it!
- 3.** Always unplug holiday lights and extinguish candles before leaving home or going to bed.
- 4.** Set up decorations at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces, portable heaters and heat vents.
- 5.** If you're using a fireplace for warmth, keep a safety perimeter of at least three feet away from the flames. Keep embers and logs from escaping with a fire screen. Make sure all embers are extinguished before leaving home or going to bed.
- 6.** Holiday get-togethers can mean more traffic in the kitchen. Celebrate safely by keeping children, pets and flammable items away from the stove and oven. Reduce fire hazards by cleaning up greasy spills quickly.