



THE HARTFORD JUNIOR FIRE MARSHAL® PROGRAM PRESENTS

HOLIDAY HOME FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Decorate your home for the holidays, but keep these simple steps in mind to make sure your family stays safe this season.

CANDLE SAFETY

- Place candles 12 inches away from flammable items
- Keep candles out of reach of kids and pets
- Never leave candles unattended
- Consider battery-operated candles

Candles account for 55% of December home decoration fires.¹



HOLIDAY TREE SAFETY

- Choose one with fresh needles
- Keep it well-watered
- Cut 2 inches off the trunk to help absorb more water
- Discard tree after Christmas or when it's dried up
- If you prefer artificial, only buy "fire resistant"
- Ensure bulbs and connections are not damaged
- Set it up at least 3 feet away from any heat sources
- Turn off lights when leaving or going to bed

43% of holiday tree fires are caused by electrical problems.¹

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Avoid overloading outlets
- Never put extension cords under rugs
- Do not use indoor lights outside
- Use clips vs. nails to secure lights outside
- Only use outside extension cords outdoors

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Including children in your home holiday decorating is always a good idea, but it's important that they know how to be fire safe. Print this tip sheet to review with them every year, and keep it with your decorations.

¹ Source: NFPA.org

