



Holiday Fire Safety

Be tree safe.

A Christmas tree can be a fire hazard. Before placing a fresh tree in a stand, cut 1 to 2 inches off the bottom of the trunk. Water the tree every day to keep it from drying out. Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat sources like fireplaces, vents, stoves or electric heaters. Always turn the tree lights off before going to bed or leaving your house. Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory and make sure you know whether they're for indoor or outdoor use. Don't use electric decorations that have frayed wires, broken cords or loose bulb connections. Don't overload electric outlets or power strips. Make sure the tree isn't blocking an exit. Test your fire alarms and smoke detectors to make sure they're working properly.

Following these safety precautions will greatly reduce the risk of fire in your home during the holidays.

And that's smart safety!

For additional information or guidance, contact your safety office.