HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
Safety Tips

With the winter holidays approaching, many people are placing decorations inside and outside their homes.

Some decorations, such as candles, lights, and Christmas trees can increase the risk of fires.

Make a Safety List and Check it Twice ...

Consider getting an artificial tree. If you prefer a real tree, remember to:

- Cut two inches off the bottom before putting it in water.
- Water the tree daily. Dried-out trees have an increased risk of fire.
- Keep fragile decorations out of reach of children.

Decorations should be kept away from heat sources, windows and doors. They can block your way out if there is a fire. Remember:

- Avoid overloading outlets and use a surge protector when needed.
- If you have outdoor decorations, make sure decorations and cords are rated for outdoor use.

Be Merry and Bright . . .

- Check for worn, exposed, or frayed wires or broken bulbs before using.
- Do not use nails to hang lights, they can damage the cords.
- Turn off light strings before going to bed.
- Avoid running cords under carpets and furniture.
- Keep candles at least 12" away from furniture, drapes, and flammable decorations.
- Never leave a candle unattended. Always extinguish the candle before leaving the room.
- Consider using a flameless, battery powered candle.

So, be safe for everyone's sake!

Holiday decorations can be a fun and creative family pastime. Keeping heat sources away from decorations, using proper candle placement, and having damage-free lights can help make sure your holiday season is safe!

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