

Christmas Tree Safety

Christmas Tree Safety Tips...

- ◇ Select a tree with fresh green needles that do not fall off when touched
- ◇ Cut 2" from the base of the tree before placing into the stand with water
- ◇ Place tree away from sources of heat
- ◇ Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit
- ◇ Inspect lights for frayed wire or other defects before use
- ◇ Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
- ◇ Never use lit candles to decorate the tree
- ◇ Do not leave lights on unattended
- ◇ Be sure to add water daily
- ◇ Discard the tree promptly when it becomes dry—do not leave it in your home or garage



Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards

Be sure to...

- * Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas & inside bedrooms
- * Test all smoke alarms in your house once a month
- * Replace smoke alarm batteries at least annually
- * Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old
- * Develop & practice a home fire escape plan



Christmas Tree Fire Facts

- ⇒ 1 in every 3 home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems
- ⇒ Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur they are more likely to be serious
- ⇒ A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly 1 in every 6 of the fires

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