



FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OF NEVADA

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Holiday Fire Safety Life-Saving Tips

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test smoke alarm batteries every month and change them at least once a year. Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.
- Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree and cause it to more easily ignite by heat, flame or sparks.
- Never put holiday tree branches or needles in a fireplace or woodburning stove.
- When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is to take it to a recycling center or have it collected by a community pick-up service.
- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wire, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear.
- Only use UL-approved lighting.
- Do not overload outlets. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.
- Do not leave lit holiday lights unattended.
- Avoid using lit candles. If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked over easily.
- Never leave the house with candles burning.

Did you know?

- ▶ Eighty-two percent of all fire deaths occur in the home.
- ▶ There are an estimated 300 fires and 30 injuries resulting from Christmas tree fires each year.
- ▶ Most holiday fires can be prevented easily.
- ▶ Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.