

Safety Spotlight

Celebrate the Holidays Safely

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A busy time of year has begun and soon we will be celebrating holidays with our family and friends. An important part of any holiday season is being able to spend time with people that are important in our lives. Please remember these safety reminders while you are celebrating the holidays.

DID YOU KNOW ?

One quarter of 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.

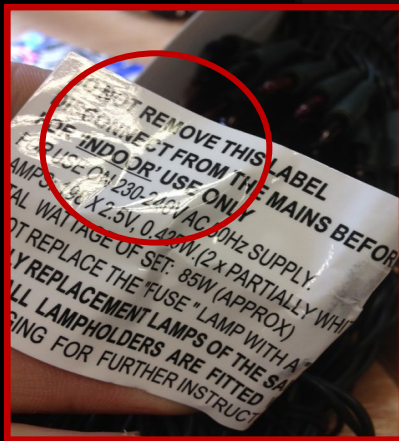
A heat source too close to a tree causes roughly one in every four fires.

Picking the Tree

- ◇ Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the Tree

- ◇ Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.
- ◇ Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- ◇ Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.



Lighting the Tree

- ◇ Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- ◇ Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. **Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.**
- ◇ Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- ◇ Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

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