



# Be On The Safe Side This Season

## Top 10 Tips for Safer Holidays



- 1 Water, water, water your tree.**

Dry trees pose a fire risk—make a fresh cut on the base before putting your tree into a sturdy stand, water frequently.
- 2 Check your lights, check them twice.**

Inspect all of your electric lights and decorations for damage or wear. Cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections may pose a fire or shock hazard.
- 3 Plan your fire escape.**

Use the holidays as a good time to practice a fire escape plan with your loved ones. Identify at least two exits from every room in the house.
- 4 Sleep safe: Install carbon monoxide alarms.**

Be sure that at least one carbon monoxide alarm is installed on each floor of your home, and always close to sleeping areas.
- 5 Limit plug-in toys to the big kids.**

It's not safe to give a small child a toy or product that needs to be plugged into an electrical outlet due to possible burns or electric shock.
- 6 Give wrapping paper a second life.**

Don't burn used wrapping paper as it may cause intense flash fires. And throwing it out adds waste. Consider recycling or repurposing it instead.
- 7 Know Your Lights and Cords.**

Do not connect more than three miniature light strings together. Also, be sure to check the rating on your extension cords and do not plug in more than the recommended wattage.
- 8 Steer your tree clear.**

Your tree should be positioned at least three feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. It should also not block any doorways or exits.
- 9 Decorate with a safe eye.**

Cords should not be run under carpets or "tacked-up with metal nails or staples." Small decorations can be choking hazards so keep them out of the reach of toddlers.
- 10 Look for UL.**