

# PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

## Read manufacturer's instructions



Although live Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous. On average,

**1** of every **31**

reported home **Christmas tree fires resulted in death.**



**2** out of **5** home decoration fires are started by candles.



The top **3** days for home candle fires are

**Christmas, New Year's Day and Christmas Eve.**

A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes

**1** in every **4** of the fires.

Make sure your tree is at least



**3** feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Keep candles at least

**12** inches away from anything that burns.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit: [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) and [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

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