

Lookout from Loss Control
Holiday Safety Tips!



The winter holidays are a time for celebration, which means more cooking, home decorating, entertaining, and an increased risk of fire due to heating equipment. Ensure you have a safe holiday season by following these safety tips:



Did you know?

More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.



Consider using a battery-operated flameless candle. They can look, smell, and feel just like regular candles!



Never put wrapping paper in a fire place. This can result in a very large fire that throws off sparks and embers.



Do not leave holiday lights unattended. If you are leaving your home or office, turn your holiday lights off until you return.



Periodically check the wiring for lights. They should not be warm to the touch.



Do not block exits. Ensure trees and other decorations do not block an exit way.



Do not overload electrical outlets. Do not link more than 3 lights strands and inspect them for frayed wires, bare spots, and excessive wear before putting them up.



All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.



Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.



Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source, such as fireplaces, radiators, heat vents, lights, or candles.



Dried out trees are a major fire risk and should not be left in the home, garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program.



Did you know?

A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes 1 in every 4 winter fires.

Have a Happy Holiday Season and BE SAFE!