

# Holiday, Candle and Christmas Tree Fire Safety

Help increase awareness about holiday fires in your community.

## Facts about home holiday fires

### Did you know?

- One of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. On average, one of every 31 reported home Christmas tree fires results in a death compared to an average of one death per 144 total reported home fires.
- One-third of all candle fires start in the bedroom.

**Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.**

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

- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.