

Holiday Safety

SAFETY TIPS

- Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings and replace damaged items before plugging lights in. Do not overload extension cords.
- Always unplug light before replacing light bulbs or fuses.
- Don't mount lights in any way that can damage the cord's wire insulation (i.e. use tape, not nails or push pins)
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.



CANDLES

- Remember that a candle is an open flame. It can easily ignite any combustible nearby.
- Over the last decade, candle fires have almost tripled.
- December had almost twice the number of home candles fires of an average month.

MORE SAFETY TIPS

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. When cooking for holiday visitors, remember to keep an eye on the stove.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source. Do not place a tree where it may block exits.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.

