

Twelve Days of Safety

1 Live Tree

- AVOID dry trees.
- Water absorption, cut 1-2" from the base of the tree.
- 3ft clear space from all heat sources.

2 Artificial Trees

- Read Fire Resistance labels.
- Inspect worn, broken cords, & loose connections.
- Max. 3 strands of lights together.

3 Candle Fire Stats

- Top 3 days most likely to have a **fire Christmas, New Year's Day, and New Year's Eve.**
- Try using battery-operated flameless candles.
- 12" clear space from flammable objects.
- Use candle holders.

4 Put that FIRE out!

Should you have a small kitchen fire ignite try using these methods to put it out

- Fire Extinguisher
- **NOT WATER**
- Slide a lid over the pan and smother the fire out.
- Flour or Baking Soda
- Keep oven door closed.
(obviously turn oven off)

5 Outdoor Lighting

- Use GFCI outlets to prevent electrical shock.
- Avoid metal ladders as it can increase risk of electric shock.
- As lights are known for shorting it is advised to set a timer, so lights are not on all the time.

6 Purchasing Lights

- Try purchasing only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed electric decorations and cords. These have been tested and approved.
- Look for outdoor rated use that are waterproof.
- SPLURGE and purchase heavy-duty extension cords. Pay attention to the wattage rating.

7 Home Electrical Circuits

- a "typical household circuit can power 70 strings of 50-bulb mini lights or 300 to 600 strings of 50-bulb LED lights."
- So, if you plan to use any more power than the experts suggest, spread it across multiple circuits to prevent an overload.

8 Holiday Plants

Common holiday plants can be harmful to your pets and children. Keep out of reach.

- Poinsettias
- Holly Berries
- Mistletoe
- Pine Needles

9 Weather Tips When Traveling

Plan for the unexpected, such as,

- Cold Weather Gear
- Food
- Water
- Warm clothing
- Flashlights
- Ice Scraper
- Blankets
- Medications

10 On the Road Again

Stay alert, slow down, and stay in control

- Look out for road hazards.
- Watch for drivers who are slamming on brakes.
- Construction on roads.
- Check your tire pressure.
- **LEAVE EARLY**

11 Crime Prevention

It happens, and when it does there's ways to have backup,

- Use Safe Sites for purchases.
- Check the site address for any misspellings. This is a sign it could be a scammer.
- Better Business Bureau offers a scam tracker.
- Use credit cards in case you are hacked. Credit card companies are more likely to help if they suspect a card being compromised.

12 Happy Mind

- **TAKE TIME** to relax and be with family and friends.
- Reach out to those who may not have family or cannot travel to see them.
- Make a budget!
- Lastly, you cannot do it all so it's okay to say **NO**.