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HOLIDAY SAFETY BULLETIN



During the holiday season, we should all take a minute to think about safety during the holidays. Each year fires occurring during the holiday season injure approximately 1,912 people and cause over \$192 million in damage. To help ensure a safe holiday for everyone, here are a few suggestions for basic holiday safety guidelines to be observed.



1. Only Artificial Trees with the “UL” label and that are fire retardant should be used. This label means that the tree has been tested for safety by Underwriters Laboratories.
2. Use only UL approved lighting. Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in insulation, and broken or cracked wiring or plugs. Light sets should be new and replaced every five years. Use of extension cords should be minimized and also be replaced every five years. Do not plug too many sets of lights into an outlet or extension cord as this will overload the circuit and may cause a fire. Turn off all holiday lights whenever the area is not attended (You can use extension cords temporarily for holiday set ups only).
3. Only fire retardant decorations should be used.
4. You should not use candles.

