



## Holiday Fire Safety

Decorating homes and businesses is a long-standing tradition around the holiday season. Unfortunately, these same decorations may increase your chances of fire. Based on data from the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an estimated 250 home fires involving Christmas trees, and another 170 home fires involving holiday lights, and other decorative lighting occur each

year. Together, these fires resulted in 20 deaths and 45 injuries. Following a few simple fire safety tips can keep electric lights, candles, and the ever popular Christmas tree from creating a tragedy. Learn how to prevent a fire and what to do in case a fire starts in your home. Make sure all exits are accessible and not blocked by decorations or trees. Help ensure that you have a fire safe holiday season.



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