

The 12 days of Christmas fire safety



Test your smoke alarms at least monthly and only remove batteries when you are replacing them straight away.



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Make sure your festive lights carry the British Safety Standard sign and always switch them off and unplug them before you go to bed.



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Never overload electrical sockets or attach extension leads to each other.



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Take care around open fireplaces as clothes may catch fire. Always use a fire guard.



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Take time to check on older relatives and neighbours this Christmas as they are at greater risk from fire.



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Make sure your family and visitors know how to escape in an emergency.



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Make sure cigarettes are put out properly every time. Empty ash trays regularly and safely.



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Never place candles near your Christmas tree or materials that can catch light easily like curtains. Consider using LED candles instead.



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Most fires start in the kitchen. Avoid leaving a cooker unattended and never cook if you feel drowsy or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



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Decorations can burn easily so don't attach them to lights or heaters, or anything else that can get hot and ignite them.



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Store fireworks safely and securely. Never go back to a lit firework and keep a bucket of water nearby.



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Keep candles, lighters and matches out of children's reach. Never leave burning candles unattended.



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