

The winter holidays are a time for family gatherings and celebrations. Many parties, dinners, and an increase in the risk of fire are prevalent.

More than 500 fires occur nationally each year during the Christmas Holiday Week due to the ignition of Christmas Trees.

An estimated 11 Million Dollars of loss to property occurs, not to mention the sorrow and emotional distraught experienced by family members.

The enclosed fire safety tips are designed to help keep your holidays safe and enjoyable for your family this Holiday Season.



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**HOLIDAY**








**FIRE**

**SAFETY**

**TIPS**






## HOLIDAY LIGHTING:






-  Take care when burning candles. Be sure that all candles are kept away from decorations and other combustible materials.
-  **DO NOT** leave children unattended in a room with lit candles, and **ALWAYS** keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
-  **DO NOT** display lighted candles in windows or near exits, in case of the need to escape from the home.
-  **NEVER** use candles to decorate Christmas Trees.
-  Be sure to use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved Christmas lights when decorating.
-  **DO NOT** overload electrical outlets, and always unplug lights before leaving home or retiring for the evening.
-  **NEVER** put electrical lights on a metal Christmas Tree.

## HOLIDAY PARTIES:








-  Decorate only with flame retardant or non-combustible materials.
-  Provide your guests with large, deep ashtrays and monitor them frequently.
-  Once the party is over, check inside and under all upholstery, and in trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

## ADDITIONAL SAFETY TIPS:

-  Choose a fresh Christmas Tree
-  Use a Christmas Tree stand designed to prevent tip-over.
-  Place your Christmas Tree well away from heat sources and exits.
-  Keep a fresh tree watered regularly.
-  **DO NOT** burn fires in fireplaces where stockings are mounted on the fireplace.

## KITCHEN SAFETY TIPS:

-  Wear tight-fitting clothing when cooking; loose clothing can be an easy source for ignition.
-  **DO NOT** store items on the stove top as they can catch fire.
-  **DO NOT** use appliances with frayed or cracked wiring.
-  **DO NOT** use electrical appliances in or near water.
-  Keep all pot handles turned inward on the stove when cooking to prevent the accidental pulling off of the utensil by a child.

Please utilize these safety tips and apply them to your home this holiday season in hopes of keeping it safe and fire free. The members of the Miamisburg Fire Division would like to take this opportunity to wish your family a safe and happy holiday season.

For additional information and safety tips, please contact the fire division at 937-847-6663.