



KEEP YOUR TREE FIRE FREE

Keep all candles away from the Christmas tree.

Make sure the base of the tree is immersed in water at all times.

The Facts About Holiday Safety

**A
DANGEROUS
MIX**



Many fire deaths are caused by people attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol.

There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab. Don't put yourself—or your family—at risk of fire.



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Key Messages:

- ✓ Buy a fresh tree and keep the base of the trunk in water at all times. Lit candles should *never* be placed on or near the Christmas tree.
- ✓ Check all sets of lights before putting them on the tree. Discard any sets that are damaged or old.
- ✓ Stay in the kitchen when cooking. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires.
- ✓ Keep candles in a sturdy holder away from children, pets and combustible materials. Blow them out before leaving the room.
- ✓ Alcohol and fire are a dangerous mix. Keep a close eye on anyone attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol.
- ✓ Encourage smokers to smoke outside. Check for cigarette butts between sofa and chair cushions before going to bed.
- ✓ Install smoke alarms on every storey and outside sleeping areas. For added protection, install a smoke alarm in each bedroom. Test smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once per year.



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Fact

Fire deaths traditionally rise over the holiday season.

