

## Parties and Gatherings

Never leave cooking unattended. Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top.

Test smoke alarms before guests arrive and replace batteries if necessary. Never remove working smoke alarm batteries to use in toys, etc.

Tell all guests about your fire escape plan.

Keep space heaters away from curtains, bedspreads and furniture. Make sure children know they could get burned if they touch one.



Remember to follow the fire safety tips in this brochure and everyone will have...

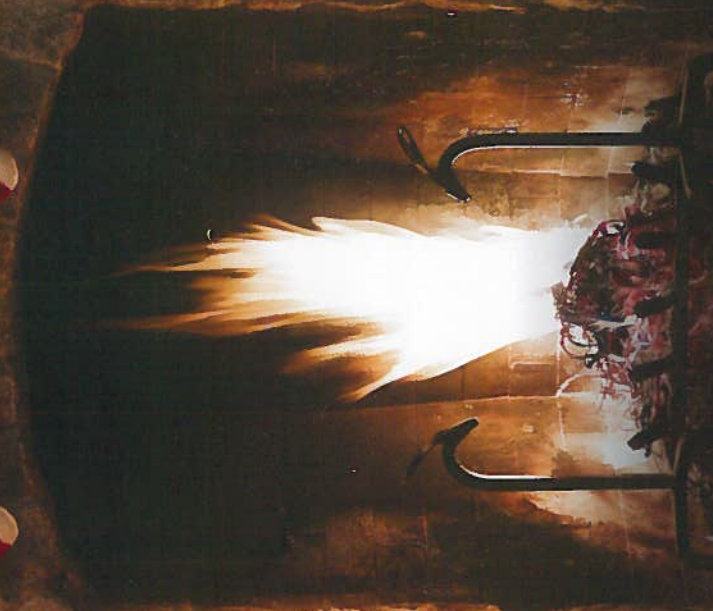
**A SAFE  
AND  
HAPPY!  
HOLIDAY!**

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**POLICE  
DIAL 911**  
GIVE NAME, LOCATION  
& NEAREST INTERSECTION

# HOLIDAY HAZARDS



**Fire Safety Tips For  
The Entire Family**



# During the Holidays, Think Fire Safety!

## Decorating

Make sure your Christmas tree is fresh. You'll know it's fresh if the needles are firmly attached.

Keep a fresh tree well watered as dry trees are the source of more than 200 fires a year, causing more than \$17.3 million in property damage.

Choose flame resistant or flame retardant decorations.

Be careful with stockings and other decorations around the fireplace.



## Candles

Candles are the cause of almost 1/2 of all holiday fires.

Keep decorations and other flammable things away from lit candles.

Make sure all lit candles are extinguished before leaving a room or going to bed.

Keep all matches and lighters up high and out of reach of children.

## Be Bright About Lights!

Don't use lights with worn insulation, broken plugs or loose sockets.

Do not use nails to hang lights. Use clips instead so the cord won't be damaged.

Be careful when hanging several light strings together. Read manufacturer's instructions for the maximum number of strands to connect.

Not all lights are rated for both indoor and outdoor use; check the label.

Turn off all decorations and strings lights before leaving the house or going to bed.

