

# Holiday Lights

Christmas lights are always festive and help get everyone into the holiday spirit but they can also be a fire hazard.



- Turn off all lights and trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire.
- Do not overload outlets or run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, on or under heaters or pinched behind furniture.
- Only use lights (both indoor and outdoor) that have been tested for safety. These can be identified by the "UL" label from Underwriters Laboratories.
- Check labels of outdoor lights to make sure they are waterproof. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm support to protect from wind damage.
- Use no more than three (3) sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Keep "bubbling" lights away from children. Such lights are hazardous because their bright colors and bubbling movement can tempt curious children to break the glass which can cut, or tempt them to drink the bubbling liquid which contains a hazardous chemical.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Although safe when used according to manufacturer's directions, metallic trees can become charged with electricity from faulty lights- any person touching a branch could be electrocuted! To avoid this danger, use colored spotlight above or beside a tree - never fastened to it!



*Did you know...*

**Don't use indoor lights outside or outside lights indoors.**



**HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY**

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