

Christmas fire safety tips



Start by making a fire escape plan – in case you have an emergency during the festive period – ensure your fire escape route is clear from obstacles.



Test your smoke alarms regularly, use Christmas as a reminder to clean your smoke alarm and remove any dust build up.



Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.



Never place candles or any other naked flame near your Christmas tree or furnishings and never leave naked flames burning unattended.



Christmas decorations can burn quickly and easily – do not attach them or put them near to lights or heaters.

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Remember! After drinking alcohol, the risk of accidents in the kitchen is a lot greater.



If you smoke, make sure that any cigarettes are fully extinguished before you go to bed.



Don't overload plug sockets. This is a major cause of house fires.



Most fires start in the kitchen, so never leave any cooking unattended.



Make sure your Christmas tree lights and fairy lights conform to the British Standard – don't be tempted to buy cheaper imports or knock offs. Buy from a trusted seller.

If you would like a FREE home fire safety visit from the London Fire Brigade, go to <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/book-a-home-fire-safety-visit/> or ask us for more details.