

# Keeping your home safe at Christmas



Christmas is a time for joy and celebration, but it's also a time when fire risks increase. Decorations, trees, and extra cooking all contribute to potential hazards. By following these simple steps, you can create a safe home and enjoy a happy festive holiday.



Keep Christmas trees away from heat sources, and water real trees to prevent dryness. Dry Christmas trees are a fire risk!



Buy fairy lights from reputable retailers and check older lights for damage.



Avoid trapping cables under furniture or rugs; don't overload extension leads (max 13 amps).



Use LED candles for safety; if using real candles, place them securely, extinguish before bed, and supervise around children and pets.



Turn off all devices before sleeping, as this is a high-risk time for fires.



Keep portable heaters away from flammable items like curtains.



Buy lithium-ion battery toys and appliances from reputable sources with CE or UKCA marks; never leave them charging overnight or in escape routes.



Ensure exits and hallways are clear of decorations, especially in communal areas.



In the kitchen, keep flammable items away from the cooker and never leave it unattended.