

How to Avoid Holiday Fire Hazards

Did you know that nearly 156,000 fires occur during the winter holiday season?¹ See below for the most common fire hazards and tips to steer clear of them:



1. Space Heaters

Never leave space heaters unattended or near anything flammable.

2. Kitchen Fires

One out of three home fires begin in the kitchen – more than any other place in the home. Be sure to stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, and grilling, and always keep alert.

3. Holiday Lighting

44% of residential holiday fires are caused by improper electrical distribution or lighting equipment.¹ Don't overload extension cords or use indoor extension cords outside.

4. Candles

In 25% of Christmas tree fires, a candle or a heat source was kept too close to the tree – be sure to keep holiday decorations a safe distance from any lit candles or heating equipment.

5. Fireplaces and Chimneys

There are an estimated 25,000 chimney fires occurring every year in the U.S.² Dispose of fireplace ashes in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid after they've fully cooled, and have your chimney inspected once a year.

One in four fires with Christmas trees starts from a candle or a heat source kept too close to the tree.¹

¹ National Fire Protection Agency <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Winter-holidays/Holiday-fires-by-the-numbers>

² Chimney Safety Institute of America <https://www.csia.org/statistics.html>