

Winter Fire safety

When the weather outside is frightful, ensure the fire is safe (and delightful) with these simple tips!



The holiday season brings with it friends, family, festivities ... and a surprising number of fire risks.

ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY IN AN EMERGENCY.

Kitchens and Cooking



Stay in the kitchen while food is cooking, even when guests are over.

Keep children and pets away from hot stoves.



Guests



Share your home escape plan with overnight guests.

Test your fire safety equipment, like smoke alarms and CO detectors.



Show guest where fire extinguishers are located and how to use them.



Decorations

Don't place decorations around sources of heat like candles or fireplaces.



Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.



Holiday lights



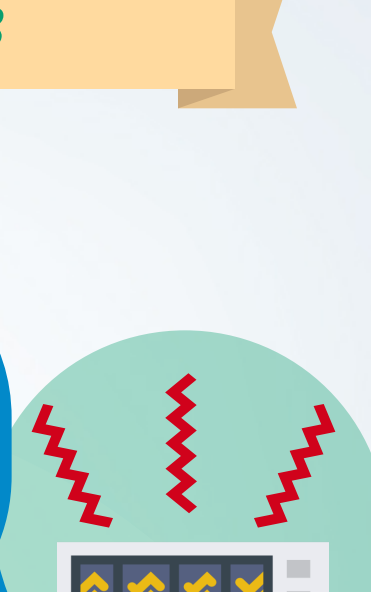
Ensure you use CSA-approved lights with only the recommended number of lights strung together.

Inspect your lights before putting them up. Replace cracked bulbs and strings of lights that have frayed, broken or exposed wires. Always turn off all indoor and outdoor lights before going to bed or leaving your home.



Candles

Adults should always supervise children when candles are lit. Children should never be left alone to light a candle or use matches. Alternately, use LED candles instead.



Keep candles away from curtains, paper, furniture, or anything that can easily catch fire.

Keep candles in stable holders. Keep them away from drafts, children, or pets.



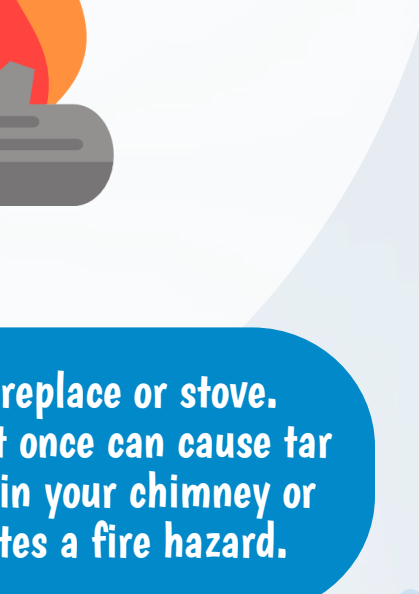
Christmas trees



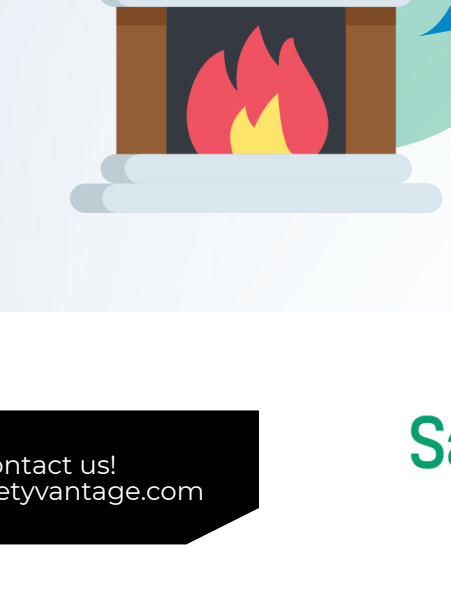
When using an artificial tree, make sure it's made of flame resistant or flame retardant material.

When using a live tree, get one fresh and green. Look for one with a sticky tree stump and needles that bend, instead of break.

Use a broad-based tree stand and lots of space for water. The base of the tree should always be in water. Dispose of your tree as soon as possible after the holidays.



Maintain at least a 3 feet distance between your tree and any heat source (radiator, television, fireplace, heating duct, etc.) and make sure it isn't blocking any doors.



Space heaters

Ensure all space heaters have 1m of space around them, and that you turn off the heater when you're not in the room. Don't leave children or pets unsupervised with a space heater.



Do not dry clothes or shoes on or near a space heater.



Periodically inspect the heater's cord for damage, such as frayed wired. Don't use it if you see any damage.

Fireplaces and woodstoves

Never leave children unattended by a fire. Have a fire escape plan for your house and regularly review it with your family.

Never use wrapping paper or gasoline in a woodstove or fireplace. They are highly flammable and can cause fireballs and build-up in your chimney or stove pipes.

Build your fire with a small amount of dry, seasoned wood to keep the flames under control.

Do not overload your fireplace or stove. Burning too much wood at once can cause tar and creosote to build up in your chimney or stove pipes, which creates a fire hazard.

