

# HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The holidays are a time to reconnect with family and friends,



but they also can present seasonal safety hazards.



HERE ARE **SOME TIPS** TO HELP YOU KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY



Avoid electrical fires by purchasing lights from reputable retailers and only those approved by nationally recognized testing labs like US, Intertek, or CSA.



Inspect both indoor and outdoor lights for broken sockets, frayed wires and loose connections.

Don't overload outlets with too many electrical devices - this could cause a fire



## DECORATING TIPS



Always keep three point of contact on the ladder: two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand.

Follow the 1-to-4 rule for extension ladders: for every four feet the ladder rises, move the base out one foot from the structure.

Never use furniture as a ladder.

## A LITTLE FIRE SAFETY CAN GO A LONG WAY

Be sure to check the Christmas tree - make sure it's got plenty of water and it isn't near heat sources.

Mantels are beautiful when covered with stockings and greenery. But these items are flammable. If you use your fireplace frequently, consider hanging these decorations somewhere else.

Keep a fire extinguisher close by.



When cooking, pay close attention to what you're doing and your surroundings.



Be sure you have smoke detectors at least 10 feet from your stove, and test them monthly.



## PREVENTING POISONING, AND A FEW OTHER TIPS

Those small button batteries found in toys, remotes, and the like, are VERY dangerous so make sure children don't swallow them.

Be sure your child doesn't have access to dangerous plants. Mistletoe, holly berries and Jerusalem cherries can be poisonous if consumed in large amounts.



Tiny magnets are also dangerous if swallowed.



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