



# HOLIDAY FIRES

FIRE SAFETY FACTS

**As in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan!**

**A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM  
THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY  
AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE**



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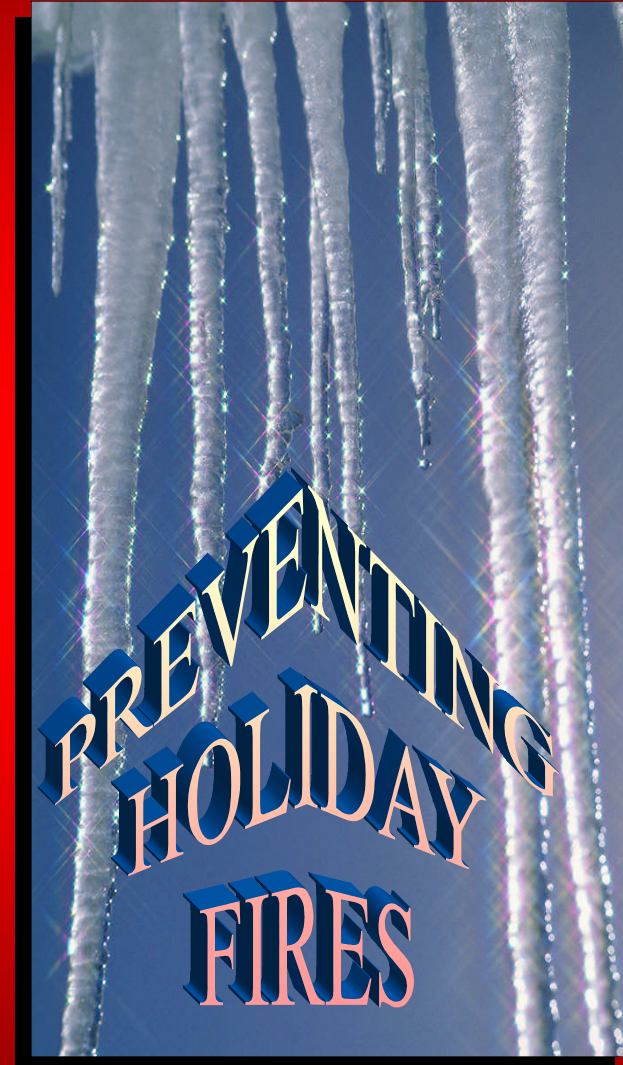
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**THE US FIRE ADMINISTRATION AND THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION SHOW AN ESTIMATED 250 HOME FIRES ANNUALLY ARE CAUSED BY CHRISTMAS TREES. ANOTHER 170 ARE CAUSED BY FAULTY HOLIDAY LIGHTING.**

**TOGETHER THEY CAUSED 21 DEATHS IN 2009.**

**ALONG WITH LIVE FLAME CANDLES, THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY SEASON CAN BE A TIME OF TRAGEDY.**

**...BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE!**

**FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF FIRE SAFETY EXPERTS AND ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS WORRY FREE.**

FOCUS ON FIRE SAFETY  
**Holiday Fire Safety**



## **CHRISTMAS TREES**

- ▶ **WATER. WATER. WATER.**
- ▶ **DO NOT PLACE NEAR HEAT SOURCE**
- ▶ **DO NOT OVERLOAD LIGHTS AND SOCKET**
- ▶ **DISPOSE OF AT CURB OR RECYCLING CENTER**



## **CANDLES**

- ▶ **BATTERY OPERATED CANDLES ARE THE SAFEST**
- ▶ **PLACE LIGHTED CANDLES ON STABLE SURFACE**
- ▶ **KEEP AWAY FROM FLAMMABLES**
- ▶ **NEVER LEAVE UNATTENDED**



## **LIGHTING**

- ▶ **USE ONLY UL LISTED LIGHTING**
- ▶ **CHECK CONDITION OF STRANDS**
- ▶ **DO NOT OVERLOAD SOCKETS**
- ▶ **DO NOT BLOCK EXITS WITH LIGHTS**