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Safety and Awareness For Kids by Kids



Christmas Fire Safety

- 1.** Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.
- 2.** Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- 3.** Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it picked up.
- 4.** Wrapping paper in the fireplace can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.
- 6.** All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.
- 7.** Ensure that trees and other holiday decorations do not block an exit way.

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