



# The Recipe for a Safe Family Holiday

## The Do's and Don'ts for Fire Prevention

At Restoration 1, we're all about family, and this includes keeping you and yours safe before, during and after a fire. Use this Do's and Don'ts tip-sheet to keep your loved ones safe this holiday season.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, fire damage is commonplace and widespread. Their research indicates that 57% of home fires in December are the result of candles. Holiday trees account for an astounding 44% of house fires.



### Know the Facts About Holiday Fire Damage

- Electrical problems cause one-third of house fires.
- A heat source too close to the tree leads to one in four holiday tree fires.
- December is the leading month for home candle fires.
- One-third of candle fires begin in the bedroom.



### Safety Tips for Cooking During the Holidays

- Keep children and flammable objects well away from an active stove and oven.
- Clean up grease spills fast!
- If you deep fry a turkey, ensure the fryer is well away from structures, trees and flammable objects.



## Safety Tips for Indoor Trees During the Holidays

- If you prefer a real tree, make sure to water it each day.
- It is fine to use string lights, but do not plug more than three into each other.
- Discard worn or broken string lights.
- Unplug the lights before you sleep or leave home.
- Consider an artificial tree, which adheres to strict safety standards.



## Safety Tips for Holiday Lighting

An estimated 780 house fires per year begin because of holiday decorations and lighting.

- Do not overload a circuit — the average household can power 70 strings of bulbs or 300 to 600 lines of 50-bulb LED lighting.
- Shut off all holiday lighting and decorations before you leave home or sleep.
- Do not waste your money on cheap extension cords.
- Buy light strings certified with the gold, holographic UL label.



## Safety Tips for Heating Your Home During the Holidays

Heating is the second leading cause of house fires in the country, especially during December, January and February.

- **Candles** — Do not leave lit candles unattended.
- **Fireplace** — Keep your fuel source away from the fire and a fire screen in place.
- **Heating Equipment** — Your space heater should be at least three feet from flammable objects.



Now that you have the tips and tricks to keep everyone safe this holiday season, you're ready for the food, fun and time with your family that follows.

If you are ever in need of fire, smoke and water damage restoration, contact your local Restoration 1. We're here to help you and your family restore their home as quickly and easily as possible.

*From our Restoration 1 family to yours, have a safe holiday.*

