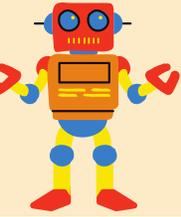


12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY SAFETY

to try this holiday

12. GET THE RIGHT GIFT

Make sure that your gifts are age, skill and developmentally appropriate. Make sure to keep singing cards, toys with small parts, and batteries away from babies and toddlers to ensure a safe holiday.



6. CHECK WIRES

Check holiday lights and decorations for wires that are fraying, have bare spots, gaps in the insulation or excessive kinking in the wires. This can cause a fire or shock someone.



11. SAFE CLIMBING

Ensure that ladder and stepstools are used for anything needing to be hung or taken down. Ladders should be placed on a firm, flat surface. Anytime you are climbing, it is a good idea to have a helper to hand you and take items from you.



5. TURN OFF

Some lights and decorations can and do get very warm when left on. Turning off all decorations and lights when not in use will save your home, holidays and electric bill.



10. CHOOSE THE RIGHT DECOR

When choosing an artificial tree look for one that is labeled "fire resistant". Use LED lights for less heat and make sure that any outdoor decor or cords are made for outdoor use.



4. PREPARE FOR TRAVEL

Put together a winter emergency kit for your vehicle. Make sure that you have extra layers, food and water packed. Plan ahead by checking the weather and road conditions. Ultimately, if the roads are bad, stay home.



9. CHECK YOUR ALARMS

With so many opportunities for a fire to occur, it is important to know as quickly as possible to get out of your home. Check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, change the batteries if needed.



3. CALL A CAB

Drinking and driving is never a good option. Even if you have had one, the best choice you can make for your holiday season is to get home safely. Call a cab, schedule an Uber, plan a designated driver.



8. PREVENT A FIRE

Holiday decorations can be highly flammable. Be sure to keep them at least 10 feet from open flames, such as, menorahs, candles, and fireplaces, as well as, radiators, ovens and other heat sources.



2. FEED THEM SAFELY

When preparing your meals, wash hands, utensils, sink and anything else that touches raw meat. ALWAYS cook food to the USDA recommended temperature.



7. WATER THE TREE

If you have chosen a natural tree, keep it well watered and hydrated. A dry tree is more flammable.



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY.

