

# PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Connect  
no more  
than



**3**

strands of  
mini light  
sets.

Connect  
no more  
than



**50**

bulbs for screw-in  
light sets.

**2** out  
of

**5**

home decoration  
fires are started  
by candles.



Keep candles at least



**12**

inches  
away from  
anything that  
burns.

Although live Christmas  
tree fires are not common,  
when they do occur, they  
are dangerous.

On average,

**1** of  
every **40**

reported home **Christmas  
tree fires** resulted in  
death.



A heat source too close to the  
Christmas tree causes

**1** in every **6** of  
the fires.

Make  
sure your  
tree is at  
least



**3**

feet away from heat  
sources like fireplaces, radiators,  
space heaters, candles or heat vents.



Get rid of your  
tree after  
Christmas or  
when it is dry.

For more information on how to  
prevent winter fires, visit:  
[www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/) and  
[www.nfpa.org/winter/](http://www.nfpa.org/winter/)

