

Winter Safety Tips

Winter holidays bring friends and family together. Following these fire safety tips will help ensure a holiday season filled with joy! **Did you know that two of every five holiday fires are caused by decorations too close to a heat source, including candles?**

Decorations

- 💡 December is the peak month for home candle fires. Choose flameless or battery operated candles, especially around children and pets.
- 💡 Follow manufacturer's instructions for how many light strands can be safely connected.
- 💡 Check extension cords and light strands for damaged or frayed ends.
- 💡 Hang strings of light with hooks or clips instead of nails to prevent damaged cords.
- 💡 Extinguish all candles and turn off all holiday lights before going to bed or leaving your home.
- 💡 Use LED lights, which are cooler to the touch.

Cooking

- 👤 Always have someone present when food is cooking.
- 🐱 Keep pets and children 3 feet or more away from hot stoves.

Holiday Trees

- 🌲 Choose a tree with fresh, green needles.
- 🌲 Water your holiday tree daily. **Dry trees can burn faster than newspaper!**
- 🌲 Keep trees at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces, heat vents, wood stoves and candles.

Safety All Year

Check that your smoke alarms are working. Replace the battery if needed.



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Winter Hot or Not

The holiday season can be lots of fun! Make sure to stay safe while enjoying the celebrations. **Circle the items below that are hot.** Ask a grown up for help if you are not sure.



Bonus! Make this recipe with friends and family to celebrate the winter season!

Chocolate Popcorn Snowballs

Ingredients:

- 1 bag of microwave popcorn
- 1 1/2 cups of white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup of dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup of dried nuts (optional)
- Any other candy, fruit or nuts

1) Microwave popcorn per instructions on package. Ask a grown up for help if needed.

2) Empty popcorn into a bowl. Add dried cranberries and nuts.

3) With an adult helper, put chocolate chips into a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave for 20 seconds and stir. Microwave for another 20 seconds and stir. Repeat until fully melted.

4) Pour melted chocolate over popcorn mix and stir.

5) Spoon mix into a cupcake cup or place round spoonfuls on parchment paper. Cool and enjoy!