



Holiday Fire Safety Checklist



Dear Student or Parent/Caregiver:

It is important to be firesafe throughout the entire year. However, it is especially important during the holidays and when having parties. You can use the fire safety checklist to help you and your family be safe during the holidays. Also, here are some important tips to discuss with your family.

General

- When you are at a party, out shopping, or taking in a movie or concert, take a few minutes to find the exits. Think about how you would get out if a fire were to break out.
- Place candles in sturdy, non-tip candleholders before lighting and never carry a lighted candle.
- Keep lighted candles out of the reach of children and animals.
- Extinguish candles before leaving the room, going to bed, or going out of the home.
- Never leave children unattended in a room where a portable heater or candles are in use.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly to make sure they are working.
- Plan and practice your home escape plan.

Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa

- Make sure all holiday lights are UL labeled.
- Keep all holiday greens well watered and be sure they are placed away from heat sources and exits.

Additional holiday fire safety tips are on the other side of this letter.

During the holidays many people are relaxed and not as careful as usual. Use the above safety tips and the checklist on the other side of this letter to keep you family and friends safe during the holidays.

*Sincerely,
Hillsboro Fire Fighters*

Holiday and Party Fire Safety Checklist



Use this checklist to assure your family and home are safe throughout the holidays.

- _____ All decorations are flame retardant.
- _____ Electric decorative lights are inspected and replaced as necessary.
- _____ Electric decorative light have an UL label.
- _____ All electric decorations are unplugged before everyone leaves the home or goes to bed.
- _____ Matches and lighters are kept out of the reach of children.
- _____ Children are always supervised when candles are in use.

- _____ Candles are never used in bedrooms.

- _____ Candles are used carefully and only in candleholders that have a non-tip base.
- _____ Candles are blown out before people go out of the room or the home.
- _____ Exits are not blocked by decorations, chairs, or other items.
- _____ Holiday greens are watered daily and placed away from exits, heaters and candles.
- _____ Holiday gift wrap is recycled, never burned in the fireplace.
- _____ The fireplace has a sturdy screen made of metal or heat-tempered glass.
- _____ Ashes from the fireplace, woodstove or BBQ are cooled for 72 hours in a non-combustible container before disposing them.
- _____ If you have smokers in your home during the holidays:
 - _____ Large deep ashtrays are provided.
 - _____ Ashtrays are emptied into a non-combustible container and placed away from anything that can burn for 72 hours.
 - _____ Sofa and cushions are checked for misplaced smoking materials.



Fire safety is a holiday tradition in the _____ home.