



# Holiday Cooking Safety

**Keep your home and family safe this holiday season.**

**Practice safe food prep:** Review basic holiday food safety guidelines before you start cooking.

**Install smoke alarms:** Place alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home.

**Stay attentive in the kitchen:** Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires. Always have someone supervising meal preparation.

**Use a timer:** It's easy to forget what's in the oven while entertaining guests. A kitchen timer can help prevent burnt food and fires..

**Prevent electrical hazards:** Keep appliances away from sinks, use GFCI-protected outlets, and ensure cords are kept clear of hot surfaces.





# Deck the Halls Safely

**Make the season brighter and safer with fire-safe decorations.**

**Flame-safe decorations:** Opt for items that are flame-resistant or flame-retardant.

**Use lights properly:** Choose indoor and outdoor lights as intended for their specific locations.

**Inspect light strings:** Replace any worn or broken cords and loose bulb connections.

**Check tree safety labels:** Look for a fire-resistant label on artificial trees.

**Pick a fresh tree:** If using a real tree, pick one with green needles that don't fall off when touched.

**Water your tree daily:** Keep it hydrated to reduce fire risk.

**Keep trees away from heat:** Place your tree at least 3 feet away from heat sources and exits.

**Avoid open flames:** Never use lit candles to decorate your tree.



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