

## Yuletide Lighting

Hanging holiday lights can be a fun family activity and adds a festive touch to your home. But if you're not careful, yuletide illuminations can also increase your risk of a home fire. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), [one of every three](#) home holiday tree fires is caused by electrical problems. As you deck the halls this season, remember to be fire smart. Here are some tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to [keep your decorations from going up in smoke](#):

- Whether it's indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety. Make sure your lights have a label from an independent testing laboratory;
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or replace them before using;
- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord; and
- Turn off lights on trees and other decorations before going to bed.

Don't let disaster ruin your festivities! Learn more ways to "Put a Freeze on Winter Holiday Fires" with USFA's colorful [infographic](#) and give the gift of safety by sharing this important information with family and friends.