



**American
Red Cross**

Important safety tips to help keep your family safe during the holiday season

- ✓ **Fuel Sources:** Keep all potential fuel sources (decorations, evergreen trees, wreaths) at least three feet from heat sources (candles, heat vents, fireplaces, portable heaters and radiators).
- ✓ **Holiday Lights:** Turn holiday lights off and extinguish candles and smoking materials before leaving the room or going to bed.
- ✓ **Kitchen Fire Starters:** Keep anything that can catch fire – pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains – away from your stove top.
- ✓ **Smoke Alarms:** Ensure that smoke alarms are installed outside of each sleeping area and on each level of your home. Test them once a month; replace batteries once a year.
- ✓ **Escape Plan:** Create or review your fire escape plan. Identify two escape routes from every room in your home and choose a convenient meeting place a safe distance from your home.