

# PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

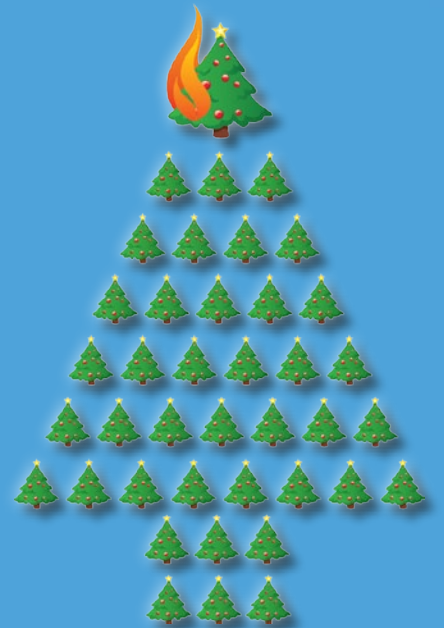
Connect no more than **3** strands of mini light sets.

Although live Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous.

On average,

**1** of every **40**

reported home **Christmas tree fires resulted in death.**



Connect no more than **50** bulbs for screw-in light sets.

**A heat source too close to the Christmas tree** causes

**2** out of **5** home decoration fires are started by candles.



Keep candles at least

**12** inches away from anything that burns.



Make sure your tree is at least

**3** feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents.



**Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.**

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit:  
[www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/) and  
[www.nfpa.org/winter/](http://www.nfpa.org/winter/)



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