

TIPS FOR HOLIDAY ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Holiday lights and electrical decorations create a warm and festive atmosphere inside and outside the home – but they can create fire hazards and electrical shock risks, if they are not handled properly.

Consider the following recommendations:

- Inspect holiday lights and extension cords before decorating.
- Check for red or green UL marks on all light strings and extension cords.
- Follow manufacturer's guidelines for stringing light sets together. As a general rule, UL recommends no more than three (3) sets together.
- Do not overload extension cords or electrical receptacles.
- Unplug all holiday lights when you go to sleep or leave home.
- Automatic lighting timers can be used to ensure that lights are not left on.
- Roll up excess electrical cords and keep them away from high traffic areas. Do not run electric cords under rugs.
- Never keep an extension cord plugged in when it is not in use.
- When replacing a light bulb, make sure that the replacement bulb is of equal or lesser wattage than that recommended by the manufacturer.
- If you have children in your home, use safety caps on all electrical receptacles.

PLEASE TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARM NOW

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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