

Holiday Fire Safety

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Thanksgiving

Nothing like the four F's:

Family

Food

Football

Fun



Don't Invite the Fifth F:

FIRE!

Thanksgiving Day:

Highest single-day amount of residential fire damage each year

Highest number of single-day fire deaths each year

Cooking is the leading cause (42%)

Most fires are caused by unattended cooking





Turkey Fryers



- **Permit issued by installation Fire Prevention Office required**
- **Use outdoors only at least 25 ft. from buildings.**
- **Never use on wooden decks or in garages**
- **Ensure turkey is thawed and dried before cooking**
- **Have ABC fire extinguisher ready**
- **Follow manufacturer's instructions**

Cooking Safety

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Always turn pan handles inward to prevent spill injuries.
- In case of fire, slide cover onto pan from the side. Do not use water, baking soda, or salt to extinguish the fire.



Ovens



- Keep ovens clean to reduce the risk of fire.
- If fire occurs, keep the door closed. This will starve the fire of air making it go out.
- For fires in microwaves, keep the door closed.





Merry Christmas



From December 24th through the 26th, fire deaths, injuries and dollar loss increase 50%, 61%, and 43% respectively

KEEP CHRISTMAS FIRES IN THE FIREPLACE



Christmas Tree Safety



Dry Christmas trees significantly increase fire risk

Always select a fresh tree. Bend a few needles. If they break, the tree is too dry.

Saw off a portion of trunk and place tree in water. Check water level daily.

Do not place tree close to heat sources.





Holiday Lights

Only use UL approved holiday lights

Carefully inspect lights and cords before using

Do not use light strands that are damaged

Do not connect more than three strands together

Only use lights rated for outdoor use outside




Electrical Safety



- Always use proper sized extension cords.
- Never overload circuits
- Never run electrical cords under carpets or through doorways



Candles

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- A lit candelabra with ten red candles. The candelabra is made of dark metal and has ten curved arms, each holding a lit red candle. The flames are bright yellow and blue, and the background is a warm, dark brown color.
- *Most candle fires are started by candles being too close to combustibles*
 - *December is the peak month for candle fires*
 - *Christmas is the peak day*
 - *Young children and older adults have the highest risk of death from candle fires*

Candle Safety



- Avoid using lighted candles, if possible
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets
- Use matches, lighters, and fire carefully
- Never put candles on a Christmas tree
- Never leave the house with candles burning
- Extinguish candles after use
- NEVER leave burning candles unattended

Happy Holidays

From all of us at the Philadelphia Fire Department, have a joyous and safe holiday season.

