



Holiday Safety Tips

- Be sure that all candles are safely away from decorations and other combustible materials. Make sure candles are out before retiring for the evening.
- Do not leave children unattended in a room with lit candles. Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Do not display lighted candles in windows or near exits in case of the need for a quick escape from your home.
- Never use candles to decorate a Christmas tree.
- Use only UL approved Christmas lights when decorating.
- Do not overload electrical outlets and always unplug the lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Never put lights on a metal Christmas tree.
- When installing outdoor lights with a ladder, make sure it is properly footed and attended by another person.
- Decorate with only flame retardant or non-combustible materials.
- Choose a fresh Christmas tree.
- Use a Christmas tree stand specifically designed to prevent a tip over.
- Place your Christmas tree well away from heat sources and exits.
- Keep your live Christmas tree watered regularly.
- Do not burn fires in fireplaces where stockings are mounted or hung.

- When using extension cords, do not run them under rugs, carpets, furniture or across doorways.
- Make sure extension cords used outdoors are intended for outdoor use.
- Unplug and do not use any extension cord that is hot to the touch.
- Do not use any extension cord that has frayed/exposed wiring or a loose/broken plug.
- Check your smoke detectors regularly to assure they are in working order.

The Miami Valley Fire District and Miami Township want you to have a safe and happy holiday. Keep this tip list handy, so that you better protect your family and property this holiday season.

Please call the fire district administrative offices with any questions you may have at (937) 560-2152.

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