

Christmas fire safety

London Fire Brigade has important fire safety messages for the Christmas period.

- **Do** keep candles away from Christmas trees, curtains, or anything else that could catch fire and don't leave them burning unattended. Consider using LED tea lights instead.
- **Do** check your Christmas tree lights conform with safety standards and always switch them off before going to bed.
- **Don't** overload sockets.
- **Don't** attach decorations to lights or heaters – they can overheat and catch fire.
- **Do** make sure you have a fire escape plan and share this with everyone in your household, and any guests staying over the Christmas period.
- **Don't** leave cooking unattended and don't cook if you've been drinking alcohol.
- **Do** test your smoke alarms and make sure they are working. Fit a heat alarm in the kitchen that will detect the rising temperature of a fire, but that will not be set off by cooking fumes.

The Fire Brigade has a simple tool for checking the fire safety of each room in your home.

Go to: www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/home-fire-safety-checker-hfsc/

