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12 days of Fire Safety at Christmas

1. Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard.
2. Never place candles near your Christmas tree or furnishings. Don't leave them burning unattended.
3. Make sure your family and visitors staying for the festive period know what to do in an emergency.
4. Decorations can burn easily - Don't attach them to lights or heaters.
5. Never overload electrical sockets. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed. Use our handy calculator to check and make your home safer:
6. The risk of accidents, especially in the kitchen, is greater after alcohol is consumed.
7. Most fires start in the kitchen - never leave cooking unattended.
8. If you are planning to celebrate with fireworks, store them in a metal box, read the instructions, never go back to a lit firework and keep a bucket of water nearby.
9. Make sure cigarettes are completely extinguished before you go to bed.
10. Check the battery in your smoke alarm every week and use Christmas as a reminder to clean it and remove dust.
11. Keep candles, lighters and matches out of reach of children. Never leave burning candles unattended
12. Take the time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours this Christmas - make sure they are fire safe.

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