

# PUT A ON **FREEZE** WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Connect  
no more  
than



**3**

strands of  
mini light  
sets.

Connect  
no more  
than



**50**

bulbs for screw-in  
light sets.

**2** out  
of

**5**

home decoration  
fires are started  
by candles.



Keep candles at least

**12**

inches  
away from  
anything that  
burns.



Although live Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous.

On average,

**1** of every **40**

reported home **Christmas tree fires resulted in death.**



A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes

**1** in every **6** of the fires.

Make sure your tree is at least



**3**

feet away from heat

sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit:  
[www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/) and  
[www.nfpa.org/winter/](http://www.nfpa.org/winter/)

