HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

RISE HIGHER

CANDLE SAFETY

December is the peak month for home candle fires, as cold weather and holiday celebrations lead to increased candle use, but improper use can be dangerous. Follow these safety tips to prevent a fire.



- More than ⅓ of candle fires start in the bedroom. Blow out all candles before sleeping.
- Use sturdy candle holders.
- Candles need at least one foot around clear to be safe.
- Avoid burning a candle all the way down.

DEEP FRYING TURKEY SAFETY

November kicks off holiday cheer as families gather for Thanksgiving and Lions football, but deep-frying turkeys carries the highest risk of cooking fires. Follow these safety tips to keep your loved ones safe.



- Thaw your turkey completely before cooking or frying! A partially frozen turkey will cause cooking oil to splatter when you put it in the cooking pot.
- Turkey fryers can tip over easily, spilling hot cooking oil over a large area.
- Make sure your fryer is at least 10 feet from your home and not under an overhang.
- If your turkey fryer doesn't have thermostat controls, use a kitchen thermometer that attaches to the side of the pot to avoid the oil overheating and causing a fire.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

Christmas is almost here, and with it comes the classic tradition of decorating the tree. Follow these safety tips to keep your holiday season trouble-free.



- If you opt for a natural tree, make sure you regularly water it to keep it from becoming a fire hazard.
- Avoid using lit candles on or near trees.
- Don't overload outlets (especially when plugging in Christmas lights).
- Do not leave holiday lights on unattended – turn them off when you go to sleep or leave your home.