Fire Safety

The 12 Days of Christmas

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1. On the 1st day of Christmas
   • Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard. Always use a residual current device (safety device that can save lives by instantly switching off power) on outdoor electrical equipment.

2. On the 2nd day of Christmas
   • Never place candles near your Christmas tree or furnishings.

3. On the 3rd day of Christmas
   • Make sure your family and visitors staying for the festive period know what to do in an emergency. Make a fire escape plan.

4. On the 4th day of Christmas
   • Decorations can burn easily – don’t attach them to lights or heaters.

5. On the 5th day of Christmas
   • Never overload electrical sockets. Take special care with Christmas lights. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.

6. On the 6th day of Christmas
   • Celebrate Christmas and New Year safely. The risk of accidents, especially in the kitchen, is greater after alcohol is consumed.

7. On the 7th day of Christmas
   • Most fires start in the kitchen – never leave a cooker unattended.

8. On the 8th day of Christmas
   • 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. On the 9th day of Christmas
   • Make sure cigarettes are completely extinguished before going to bed.

10. On the 10th day of Christmas
    • Check the battery in your smoke alarm every week and use Christmas as a reminder to clean it and remove dust.

11. On the 11th day of Christmas
    • Keep candles, lighters and matches out of the reach of children. Never leave burning candles unattended.

12. On the 12th day of Christmas
    • Take the time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours this Christmas – make sure they are fire safe.