

Safety Tips for the Holiday Season

The holiday season is a fun, festive time, but increased travel and social gatherings can pose potential safety risks. Prepare ahead of time with these safety tips.



If You're Staying Home

- Ensure all smoke alarms have new batteries, and never leave a cooking appliance unattended. If you use a deep fryer, be sure to follow all safety guidelines.
- Hang holiday lights with care and replace any lights that have broken sockets or frayed wires. Avoid overloading power strips or outlets.
- When using a ladder to hang decorations, maintain three points of contact at all times (i.e. two feet and one hand).
- Clear snow and ice from your car, steps and driveway as soon as possible to avoid slipping and injuries.
- If you opt for an artificial tree, it's best to find one made from fire-resistant materials. If you have a real tree, water it daily as a dry tree can be a fire hazard.
- Before going to bed, blow out any candles, put out the remaining fire in your fireplace and turn off all light decorations.

If You're Traveling

- Before any travels, prepare your car for the winter weather. Be prepared for icy conditions, heavy traffic and distracted drivers, as the holiday season sees a major uptick in fatal car crashes.
- Avoid sharing travel plans on social media, which could leave your home vulnerable to break-ins and burglary.
- Ask a trusted neighbor or family member to check in on your home, collect your mail and packages.
- Have someone periodically start your car to prevent battery drainage and clear away any snow that accumulates while you're away.

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