
City of Rancho Mirage Fire Department

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

With the holidays approaching here are a few safety tips to keep you safe this holiday season:

LIGHTS

- Use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved products.
- Discard any old or worn insulation, cracked or broken sockets and loose connections.
- If using lights outside, be sure they are labeled “for outside use”. Never use indoor lights outside.
- Always unplug lights when leaving the house or retiring for the night. Never put lights on metallic trees.
- Never run extension cords under carpets or across walkways.

FIREPLACES

- Keep screen or glass doors closed to confine embers and sparks.
- Never burn holiday tree branches or gift wrappings in fireplace.
- Keep combustible decorations away from and around fireplaces.
- Do not break apart manufactured logs (e.g. Presto-Logs).
- Dispose of ashes in a metal container. Never put ashes in cardboard boxes, paper bags or plastic containers.

CANDLES

- Place candles in sturdy, non-flammable holders and keep away from tree and other flammable decorations.
- Keep candles and matches out of children's reach.

PLAN AHEAD

- Have two emergency escape routes out of each room.
 - Have fire extinguisher handy and know how to use it.
 - Install fresh batteries in smoke detectors and test regularly.
 - All family members should know how to call the fire department in the event of an emergency.
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