



**DEVON &
SOMERSET**
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Stay safe this Christmas



Follow our 12 days of Christmas advice

- 1** Check your Christmas tree lights are in good working order and conform to the British Safety Standard. Never overload electrical sockets.
- 2** Always switch off your Christmas lights before you go to bed or go out.
- 3** Never place lit candles near your Christmas tree, decorations or furnishings and never leave a burning candle unattended.
- 4** Decorations can burn easily – don't attach them to lights or heaters.
- 5** Keep matches, lighters and candles out of children's reach.
- 6** The risks of accidents, especially in the kitchen, are greater after alcohol is consumed – take care if you're having a few festive drinks.
- 7** Never leave your Christmas dinner cooking unattended and make sure you switch off the oven and hob if you're leaving the house.
- 8** Make sure that any visitors who are staying with you over the festive period know what to do in the event of an emergency and practice your escape plan. Remember to tell them where you keep door/window keys so they can escape safely if a fire starts.
- 9** Many fires start when people fall asleep whilst smoking, ensure you extinguish cigarettes properly and never smoke in bed.
- 10** If you are planning on celebrating with fireworks, store them in a metal box, read the instructions and never go back to a lit firework.
- 11** Remember to test your smoke alarm every month and use Christmas as a reminder to clean it and remove dust.
- 12** This Christmas take the time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours and make sure they are fire safe.



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