

# PUT A ON **FREEZE** WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Connect no more than



**3**

strands of mini light sets.

Connect no more than



**50**

bulbs for screw-in light sets.

**2** out of

**5**

home decoration fires are started by candles.



Keep candles at least

**12**

inches away from anything that burns.



Although live Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous.

On average,

**1** of every **40**

reported home **Christmas tree fires resulted in death.**



A heat source too close to the **Christmas tree** causes

**1** in every **6** of the fires.

Make sure your tree is at least



**3**

feet away from heat

**sources** like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents.



Get rid of your tree after **Christmas** or when it is dry.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit:  
[www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/) and  
[www.nfpa.org/winter/](http://www.nfpa.org/winter/)

