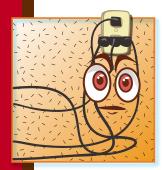
ESFI's Twelve Days of Holiday Safety

It's <u>easy</u> to make safety a part of your holiday with these quick tips.

Tackle one each day and you're well on your way to a safe New Year!



- 1 What's that noise? Test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Make sure every member of your family knows what to do if they hear them.
- **2** What a shocker! Before each use, inspect all electrical lights, decorations, and extension cords for damage.
- *Two's company, three's a crowd.* Do not overload outlets with too many decorations or devices.
- 4 Is it working? Test your ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) to make sure they're protecting you.
- **5** *Ouch!* Prevent trips and falls by keeping cords safely along walls and out of doorways and high traffic areas.
- **6** *Kids eat the darnest things!* Avoid putting lights, metal hooks, breakable ornaments, and other small decorations within reach of young children.





- **7** *Thirsty?* Keep your Christmas tree stand full of water. A fresh, green tree is less of a fire hazard than a dry tree.
- 8 Safe and warm. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, like decorations, trees, gifts, and curtains.
- *9 Can't touch this!* Consider installing tamper resistant receptacles (TRRs) to prevent kids from inserting objects into the outlet slots.
- 10 Who? What? When? Where? Why? How? Share your family fire escape plan with your overnight guests.
- 11 Hot stuff! Keep children at least 3 feet away from cooking appliances. Use back burners and turn pot handles in away from little hands.
- 12 Make a wish! Blow out the candles before leaving a room or going to sleep.



There's no greater gift you can give your family than a <u>safe</u> and happy holiday!