

# PREVENTION:

## It's the gift that keeps on giving

Between 2009-2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of **860 home structure fires** that began with **holiday decorations** and an additional 210 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees according to the **National Fire Protection Association**.

### CO AND SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

Install CO and Smoke Alarms on every level of your home, in every bedroom, and outside each sleeping area.

Be sure to test the alarms once a month and change the batteries yearly.



*Happy Holidays*  
from ESFI

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keeping decorations, or any other **flammable items** at least **3 ft** away from open flame and heat sources.



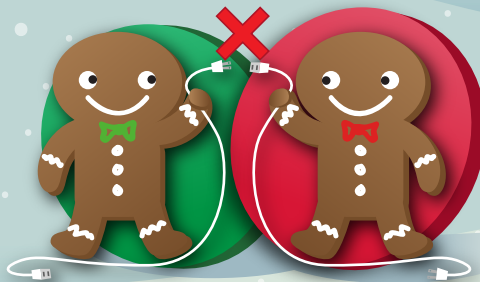
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inspecting all decorations to ensure they do not have any **frayed or pinched wires** and discarding any **worn decorations**.



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ensuring multiple **extension cords** are **never strung together** or run under rugs, carpets or furniture. And making sure those used **outdoors** are labeled "for outdoor use."



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never leaving cooking equipment **unattended** and **turning off burners** if you have to leave the room.



#### PREVENTION IS...

never leaving a **space heater** unattended and **turning it off** when you're leaving a room or going to sleep, and not letting **pets or children** play too close to a space heater.



#### PREVENTION IS...

watering Christmas Trees daily and **discarding trees** when they are dry and begin **dropping needles**.

