

# 12 DAYS OF SAFETY

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Place candles on a sturdy, non-flammable surface, never near trees or boughs, and don't leave them lit unattended.



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Did you know? Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires. Be alert to the dangers if you're thinking of celebrating the holidays by frying a turkey.



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The chimney should be checked annually by a professional

Even if the chimney is not due for cleaning, it is important to check for animal nests or other blockages that could prevent smoke from escaping.



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Make sure your tree has a stable platform. If using a natural tree, make sure it is watered. Keep trees away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources.



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Replace light sets that have broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Check holiday lights for fraying, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, or excessive kinking in the wire.



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If using an artificial tree, check that it is labeled "fire resistant."



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When putting up decorations, choose the proper ladder or stool to do the task safely.



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Toys are age-rated for safety, not for children's intellect and physical ability, so choose toys in the correct age range. Choose toys for children under 3 that do not have small parts which could be choking hazards.



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Keep potentially poisonous plants – mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry, poinsettia, and amaryllis – away from children and pets.



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Wash your hands frequently when handling food.

Keep raw meat away from fresh produce.



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Reheat leftovers to at least 165°F.



Source: nsc.org

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Turn off all lights and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.



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