

# BE IN THE KNOW FOR THE HOLIDAYS



## BE PREPARED FOR THE HOLIDAYS BY KNOWING THE FACTS

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- ❑ Place any ornaments that are breakable or sharp toward the top of the tree and out of reach of children.
- ❑ When hanging lights, make sure there are no exposed or frayed wires, and check if lights should be used indoors or are for outdoor use only.
- ❑ Check to make sure any holiday plants are not poisonous to pets or children.
- ❑ Never leave a burning candle unattended, or within reach of a child or pet.
- ❑ Don't burn candles near trees, curtains, presents, or other flammable items.
- ❑ Change Duracell® batteries in smoke detectors and make sure they are all working properly.
- ❑ When guests arrive, go over your household's fire escape plan.
- ❑ When setting up the Christmas tree, make sure it's several feet away from any heat source, like heating vents, fireplaces, or candles.
- ❑ Make sure the Christmas tree is not in a well-trafficked path through the home, and is not blocking an exit.
- ❑ Water the tree daily so that it stays fresh. Trees with dried-out needles are more likely to catch on fire.
- ❑ Consider using strands of LED lights for your holiday decorations since they do not get hot and reduce the risk of electrical fires.
- ❑ Turn off Christmas tree lights and any other plugged in decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.
- ❑ Always designate a driver or have a plan to get home when going to parties where alcohol will be served.
- ❑ Be cautious with presents that come with small parts.