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San Francisco Fire Department Holiday Safety Tips

San Francisco California-San Francisco Fire Department Community Education Team to promote Holiday Safety.

With the holiday season upon us, the San Francisco Fire Department wants to share some Holiday Safety tips to help keep you safer. One way to lower your risk of holiday home fires is by practicing safe cooking and decorating practices. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States

The San Francisco Fire Department wants to remind everyone that the risk of a cooking-related home fire can be drastically reduced by following these 10 steps:

Never leave your active cooking area unattended — stay in the kitchen. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

Don't wear loose clothing or sleeves that dangle while cooking.

Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.

Keep kids and pets away from the cooking area. Make them stay at least three feet away from the stove.

Keep anything that can catch fire — potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains — away from your stove, oven, or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.

Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher to keep in your home.

Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving the home to make sure all stoves, ovens, and small appliances are turned off.

Install a smoke alarm on each level of your home, near sleeping areas, and inside and outside bedrooms if you sleep with doors closed. Use the test button to check it each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year if your smoke alarm requires it.

HOLIDAY DECORATING SAFETY TIPS Follow these safety tips:

If you must use candles, keep them away from anything that could burn, and place them out of reach of pets and children.

Never leave burning candles unattended. We recommend using battery-operated candles.

Check all holiday light cords to ensure they aren't frayed or broken. Don't string too many strands of lights together — no more than three per extension cord.

Ensure outside decorations are for outdoor use and fasten lights securely to your home or trees.

If buying an artificial tree, look for a fire-resistant label. When putting it up, keep it away from fireplaces, radiators, and other sources of heat.

If getting a live tree, make sure it's fresh and keep it watered.

Watch your SFFD-PIO share some Safety Tips [Here](#).

Click [here](#) or visit our [website](#) for more information.

Consider visiting our Community Education team at Macy's Union Square Geary Street side for in-person Holiday Safety tips ([MAP](#))

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