Christmas Tree Safety Tips...

◊ Select a tree with fresh green needles that do not fall off when touched
◊ Cut 2” from the base of the tree before placing into the stand with water
◊ Place tree away from sources of heat
◊ Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit
◊ Inspect lights for frayed wire or other defects before use
◊ Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL)
◊ Never use lit candles to decorate the tree
◊ Do not leave lights on unattended
◊ Be sure to add water daily
◊ Discard the tree promptly when it becomes dry—do not leave it in your home or garage

Be sure to...

* Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, outside sleeping areas & inside bedrooms
* Test all smoke alarms in your house once a month
* Replace smoke alarm batteries at least annually
* Replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old
* Develop & practice a home fire escape plan

Christmas Tree Fire Facts

⇒ 1 in every 3 home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems
⇒ Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur they are more likely to be serious
⇒ A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly 1 in every 6 of the fires

* Source: NFPA, Quincy, MA — www.nfpa.org/education

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards

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