



Too many times each year, this scene ends in tragedy.

Share the #DoltForDon Holiday Safety Campaign:

- When you purchase a live tree, make sure it's fresh. Needles should be green and springy to the touch.
- Cut 1 to 2 inches off the bottom of the trunk before placing the tree in the stand. A fresh cut allows the tree to absorb water. Place the tree in water right away.
- **Fill the tree stand with water every day.**
- Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source, like floor vents, fireplaces, radiators, candles or lamps.
- Make sure your tree is not blocking an exit.
- **Always turn the tree lights off or unplug them** before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Use lights that are approved by a national testing organization like UL.

- Replace lights that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands you can safely connect. Make sure you are using the right lights for indoors or outdoors.
- **Remove your tree immediately after the holidays** even if you think it is not dry.

Put Christmas tree safety at the top of your list. To help prevent Christmas tree fires, take the pledge to follow these simple instructions, and share the #DoltForDon Holiday Safety Campaign with your family and friends. They'll thank you for it.



Keeping a dry tree is like inviting a forest fire into your home.

- Christmas tree fires are likely to be serious and deadly.
- Put working smoke alarms on every level of your home, especially inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Remember to test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your fire escape plan.
- Practice your home fire escape plan regularly.
- **9 out of 10 U.S. fire deaths happen in the home.** People are surprised to learn that the place they feel safest is where their risk of being in a fire is greatest.



Home fire sprinklers increase safety and provide time for escape. Think about installing a system in your home.