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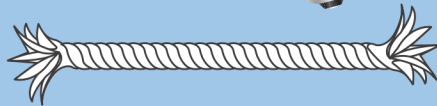


PRACTICE SAFETY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE TIPS BELOW!

## PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES



KEEP CANDLES AT LEAST **12 INCHES** AWAY FROM ANYTHING THAT BURNS.



INSPECT LIGHTS FOR FRAYED WIRE OR OTHER DEFECTS BEFORE USE.

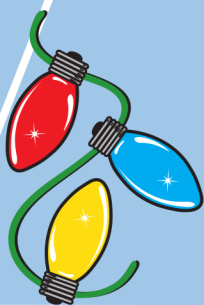
HALF OF HOME DECORATION FIRES IN DECEMBER ARE STARTED BY CANDLES.



CHRISTMAS IS THE PEAK DAY FOR CANDLE FIRES.



DO NOT LEAVE LIGHTS ON UNATTENDED. TURN THEM OFF WHEN YOU LEAVE OR GO TO BED.



MORE THAN 1 IN EVERY 5 CHRISTMAS TREE FIRES WERE CAUSED BY A HEAT SOURCE TOO CLOSE TO THE TREE.



MAKE SURE YOUR TREE IS AT LEAST **3 FEET AWAY** FROM HEAT SOURCES LIKE FIREPLACES, RADIATORS, SPACE HEATERS, CANDLES OR HEAT VENTS. ALSO, MAKE SURE YOUR TREE DOES NOT BLOCK EXITS.



IF YOU USE LIT CANDLES, MAKE SURE THEY ARE IN STABLE HOLDERS AND PLACE THEM WHERE THEY CANNOT BE KNOCKED DOWN EASILY.



SOURCE: U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION

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# ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING TIPS

The holiday season is a prime time for hackers, scammers, and online thieves who target the millions of Americans who will be shopping online for gifts. Cyber criminals will be trying to take advantage of unsuspecting shoppers by searching for weaknesses in their devices or internet connections, or attempting to extract personal and financial information through fake websites or charities.

The best defense against these threats is awareness. Follow these simple steps to shop securely this holiday season.

## TIP #1 CHECK YOUR DEVICES

Before making any online purchases, make sure the device you're using to shop online is up-to-date. Next, take a look at your accounts to ensure that you have strong passwords and that you are using two-factor authentication.

## TIP #2 ONLY SHOP THROUGH TRUSTED SOURCES

Think about how you're searching online. Use your home or a trusted Wi-Fi source and make sure you are making purchases through trusted vendors. Avoid clicking on ads on webpages or links in emails. If it looks suspicious, something's probably not right.

## TIP #3 USE SAFE METHODS FOR PURCHASES

If you're going to make that purchase, check the information that you are handing over. Before providing personal or financial information, check the website's privacy policy and make sure you understand how your information will be stored and used.

SOURCE: CYBERSECURITY & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY



TEST YOUR  
KNOWLEDGE!

IDENTIFY SIX HAZARDS IN THE PICTURE ABOVE.

ANSWERS: (1) DRY CHRISTMAS TREE; (2) PRESENTS IN FRONT OF THE FIREPLACE; (3) TOO MANY OUTLETS PLUGGED INTO ONE; (4) BROKEN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS; (5) TORN EXTENSION CORD; (6) CANDLES LEFT UNATTENDED