HOLIDAY FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

Promote safety at home and in the workplace

Between 2013-2017, U.S. fire departments responded to an average 160 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year.

These fires caused an average of three deaths, 15 injuries, and $10 million in direct property damage annually.

More than two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

Simple safety precautions can help keep your home and workplace safe and merry during the Holiday season.

Inspect lights before plugging them in- check to make sure there is no damage to the cord or strands.

Never overload a circuit – take into consideration major appliances when plugging lights in.

Turn off/blow out decorations before leaving the office or your home.

During your Holiday baking challenges, make sure to monitor and tidy kitchens to avoid flammability risks and ignition.

When decorating your office, maintain a clean environment- keep area clean and tidy. Lots of clutter with flammable materials could spread a fire fast. Never block fire exits.

These are just a few steps you can take to maintain a culture of safety in your workplace, and your home.

Do not block fire sprinklers/alarms with anything – you don't want to hinder the operability of your equipment.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, Happy Holiday this year!