

Kildare Fire Service

Fire Safety Information



FIRE SAFETY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas time is traditionally a time for celebrations and enjoyment. Unfortunately however, Christmas time is also a tragic time for some families. Some tragedies can be avoided by following these simple safety tips.

- Clean Chimney before the Christmas period
- Kildare Fire Service recommends that you use a non-shed Christmas tree and always keep it away from open fires.
- If the tree does not come with its own stand, place the tree in a bucket of damp sand and ensuring it is balanced so as to avoid the tree tipping over.
- Do not hang any Christmas cards or decorations over an open fire.
- Never leave lighted candles unattended or close to curtains or flammable decorations.
- Never over load sockets.

Christmas Lights:

- Always check Christmas lights thoroughly. If you need to replace bulbs, only use the correct type.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights when you are leaving the house or retiring for the night.
- Always ensure that the wiring is fitted correctly on the plug.

FACT:
Tragedy Strikes At Christmas Time
More So Than At Any Time Of The Year!



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