

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

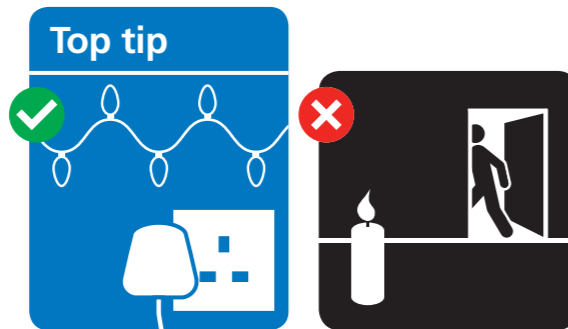
These general tips are taken from our *Fire Safety in the Home* leaflet. For a copy, visit www.direct.gov.uk/firekills or contact your local fire and rescue service.



Fairy lights, candles and decorations

Unplug fairy lights when you leave the house or go to bed.

- Check fairy lights are in good working order and replace any bulbs that blow.
- Don't let bulbs touch anything that can burn easily, such as paper or fabrics.
- Make sure the fuse in the plug is the right size (check the box for advice).
- Keep candles away from things that might catch fire, like Christmas trees, greeting cards, ribbons and other decorations.
- Put candles out when you leave the room, and make sure they're put out completely at night.



Unplug fairy lights



**SMOKE ALARMS
SAVE
LIVES**

To find out more about the fireworks and the law visit www.berr.gov.uk/fireworks/law.htm

For more information on general fire safety visit www.direct.gov.uk/firekills

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FIRE SAFETY WHEN CELEBRATING



Did you know?

- 1,900 accidental fires in the home are started every year in the UK from candles
- On average, 127 fires in homes and buildings in the UK are started by fireworks every year.

Enjoy celebrations safely by following the simple tips in this leaflet.

Having a party

Inform your guests of the best route to escape just in case.

- Take special care of elderly people, children and those who may find it difficult to get out if there is a fire.
- Put out enough ashtrays, so ash and cigarette butts don't get put in wastepaper bins.
- Tell guests who are staying overnight where the door keys are kept, in case they need to escape.

Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them



Show guests the escape route



Fireworks

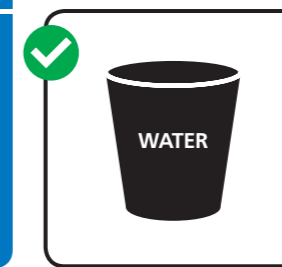
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- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pocket.
- Don't drink alcohol if you're setting off fireworks.
- Store fireworks in a closed box and take them out one at a time.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby.
- Follow the instructions on each firework. Use a torch to read them – never a naked flame.
- Light fireworks at arm's length, using the taper provided.

- Make sure everyone stands well back.
- Always supervise children around fireworks and never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Take care around open flames such as bonfires and barbecues – even clothes labelled 'low flammability' can catch fire.
- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114 (this is the British Standard that all fireworks should meet).



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Remember these general tips from our *Fire Safety in the Home* leaflet to stay safe from fire.

Fit smoke alarms on every level of your home.

Test your smoke alarm batteries every week. Change them every year. Never remove them.

Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking is on. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of children's reach.

Take care when cooking with hot oil – it sets alight easily.

Extension leads and adaptors have a limit to how many amps they can take. Be careful not to overload them.

Dispose of cigarettes carefully. Put them out. Right out.

Make sure candles are always secure and away from materials that may catch fire – like curtains.

Plan an escape route and make sure everyone knows it.

If there's a fire, get out, stay out and call 999.

Close inside doors at night to stop fire from spreading.

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