



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY HOLIDAY SAFETY TALKING POINTS 2025



- Keep candles at least three feet from flammable materials, out of reach of children and pets, and place them on heat-resistant surfaces.
- Extinguish all candles before leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Check decorations for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections before using.
- Do not overload wall outlets or power strips.
- Plug outdoor lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs).
- Turn off all indoor and outdoor holiday lighting and decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.
- Place your tree at least three feet away from any heat source.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Water your tree daily and remove it promptly from your home after the holidays.
- Purchase space heaters that have an automatic shut off.
- Always plug space heaters directly into wall outlets, unplug them when they are not in use, and keep them away from children and pets.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms and smoke alarms in each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Never use a gas range or oven for heating.
- Do not run electrical cords across doorways or under carpets.



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- Install tamper-resistant electrical outlets if you have young children.