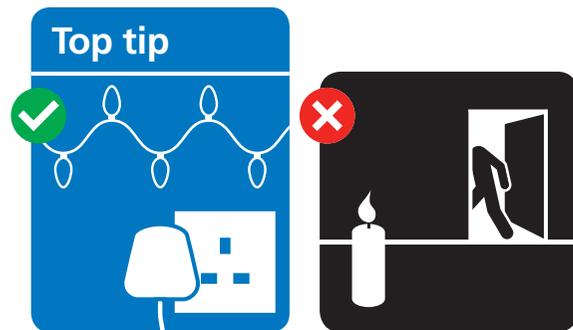


Fairy lights, candles and decorations

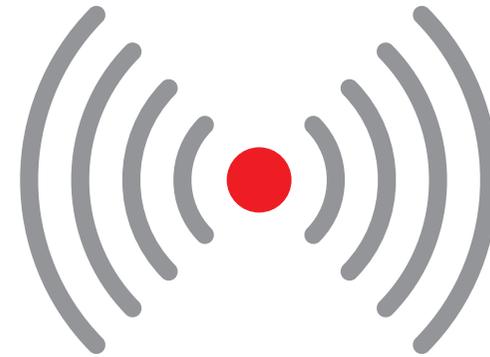
Unplug fairy lights when you leave the house or go to bed.

- Keep candles away from things that might catch fire, like Christmas trees, greeting cards, ribbons and other decorations.
- Ensure matches and lighters are returned to a safe place once candles have been lit.
- Put candles out when you leave the room, and make sure they're put out completely at night.
- 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).



**Unplug
fairy lights**

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**SMOKE ALARMS
SAVE
LIVES**

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

For more information on general fire safety visit
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FIRE SAFETY WHEN CELEBRATING



Did you know?

- 900 accidental fires in the home are started every year in England from candles
- Around 100 fires in homes and buildings in England are started by fireworks every year

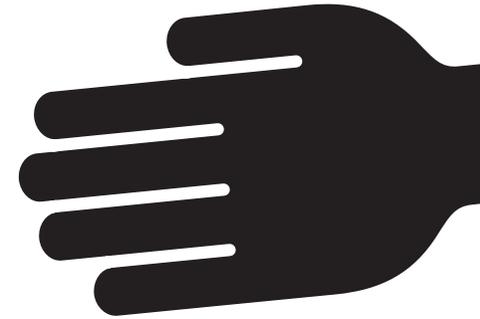
Enjoy celebrations safely by following the simple tips in this leaflet.

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.
- Take extra care when drinking alcohol.

Keep door and window keys where everyone can find them



Top tip



Show guests the escape route



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Fireworks

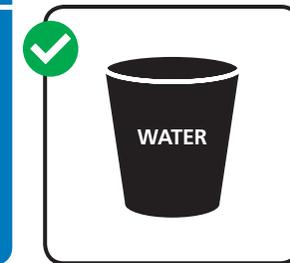
Never go back to a lit firework – even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode.

- 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 (the British Standard for the safety of fireworks) or the CE marking (showing they conform to European safety standards).

Top tip



Never go back to a lit firework



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British Standard Kitemark

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