



The winter holidays are a time for celebration and that means cooking, home decorating, entertaining and an increased risk of fire and accidents. GMR offers these guidelines to help make your holiday season safer and more enjoyable:



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of house fires in the U.S.—remember to keep an eye on the range
- Test your smoke alarms and let guests know your fire escape plan



HOLIDAY LIGHTING

- Use caution with holiday decorations and, whenever possible, choose flame-resistant, flame-retardant and non-combustible materials
- Keep candles away from decorations and other combustible materials and only use certified lights for outdoor decorating



INDOOR DECORATIONS

- Choose decorations that are made of non-leaded materials
- Place candles away from live plants or decorations



TREES

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label “fire-resistant”
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness—a fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break