



Fire Safety At Christmas



Can Santa get down your chimney?

- Make sure your chimney is cleaned so Santa can deliver all the gifts!
- Woodfires – 4 times a year
- Solid fuel – Twice a year
- Oil fire – Once a year
- Gas fire – Once a year if designed for sweeping

- Always use proper candle holders
- Never leave a candle unattended or near flammable items (curtains, clothing)
- Position away from draughts
- Avoid moving a lit candle
- Ensure candles are extinguished before you leave the house or go to bed

Christmas Trees

- Keep a real Christmas tree in a pot of water to stop it drying out and becoming flammable
- Ensure your artificial tree has the correct CE marking

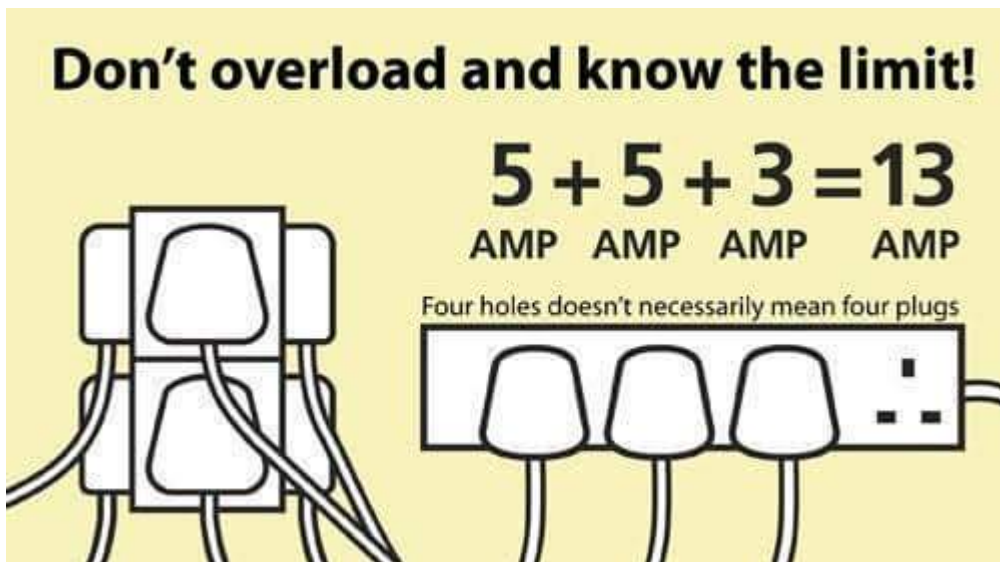


- Only purchase lights with a CE mark and never leave lights plugged in when going to bed or leaving your home – even for a short time!



Make sure to ask Santa for batteries on your Christmas list

Do not remove the batteries from a smoke alarm – Smoke Alarms Save Lives



Night time Check

- All appliances are switched off
- Close all doors
- Switch off portable heaters
- Extinguish all candles
- Use a spark guard on open hearth fires
- Keep keys to doors and windows handy

- Have your phone or personal alarm near by
- Know your Eircode and have it near the phone

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

Cork County Fire Department, in conjunction with the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM), will provide PPN Community Groups with 10 year battery operated smoke alarms for distribution and installation within elderly and vulnerable resident's dwellings. If you require further information on this scheme please contact Keelin Cronin SACFO at fireinfo@corkcoco.ie for details and application forms.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas from all at Cork County Fire Service!