



A Christmas Fire Safety Message from Cork County Fire Service



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



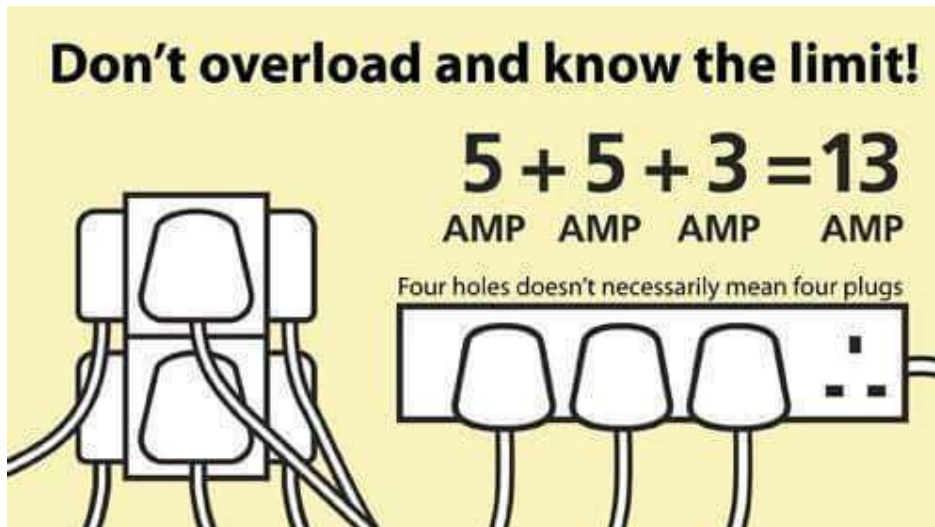
Christmas Trees

- 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

Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas from all at Cork County Fire Service

