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## **“Home Fire Safety Christmas Tips”**

Christmas is a joyous time of year when we spend time with our family and friends. It is also a time when we host parties and other gatherings with lots of food and drink. Nothing should be more important than the protection of your home from the things that can cause a fire. The following fire safety tips are issued by the Royal Bahamas Police Fire Services to help ensure that all homeowners and residents have a safe and an enjoyable *“Fire Free Christmas.”*

- Be cautious when installing and removing your Christmas lights and inspect your lights for excessive wear before you install them. If you have any doubt about the age and safety of your strand of lights, replace them with energy efficient LED lights
- If you have a fresh-cut Christmas tree, make sure to water it regularly to help it retain its moisture; if you purchase an artificial tree, make sure that it is fire retardant
- Use only approved UL tested extension cords for all your electrical needs
- Do not place electrical extension cords in a walking path.
- Keep all paper wrappings and curtains away from Christmas lights.
- Do not leave pots on the stove or food items in the baker unattended.
- When cooking, turn all pot handles inward.
- Clean grease deposits from cooking range after each use or spillage.
- Turn off Christmas tree lights and cooking ranges before going to bed.
- Working smoke alarms save lives. Have one installed to the ceiling in the sleeping area of each level in the home.
- Remember, smoke from a fire can hurt or kill you long before the flames ever get near you, so make a point of sleeping with your bedroom door closed
- Check in the corners of furniture after parties for lit cigarette butts.
- If you have a fresh-cut Christmas tree, make sure to water it regularly to help it retain its moisture; if you purchase an artificial tree, make sure that it is fire retardant.
- Contact your nearest Fire Station for further assistance.

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National Crime Prevention Office

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