

## “The 12 Days of Christmas”

- 1 On the 1st day of Christmas**
  - Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the European Standards. Always use a residual current device (safety device that can save lives by instantly switching off power) on outdoor electrical equipment.
- 2 On the 2nd day of Christmas**
  - Never place candles near your Christmas Tree, Cards, Decorations or Furnishings.
- 3 On the 3rd day of Christmas**
  - Make sure your family and visitors staying for the festive period know what to do in an emergency. Make a fire escape plan.
- 4 On the 4th day of Christmas**
  - Decorations can burn easily - don't attach them to lights, heaters, candles or place around a fireplace.
- 5 On the 5th day of Christmas**
  - Never overload electrical sockets. Take special care with Christmas lights. Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.
- 6 On the 6th day of Christmas**
  - Celebrate Christmas and New Year safely. The risk of accidents, especially in the kitchen, is greater after alcohol is consumed.
- 7 On the 7th day of Christmas**
  - Most fires start in the kitchen - never leave a cooker unattended.
- 8 On the 8th day of Christmas**
  - If you are planning to celebrate with licensed fireworks, store them in a metal box, read the instructions, never go back to a lit firework and keep a bucket of water nearby.
- 9 On the 9th day of Christmas**
  - Make sure cigarettes are completely extinguished before going to bed.
- 10 On the 10th day of Christmas**
  - Check the battery in your smoke alarm every week and use Christmas as a reminder to clean it and remove dust.
- 11 On the 11th day of Christmas**
  - Keep candles, lighters and matches out of the reach of children. Never leave burning candles unattended.
- 12 On the 12th day of Christmas**
  - Take the time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours this Christmas - make sure they are fire safe.

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