

Smoke alarms save lives!
Fit one on every floor of your home
and test the batteries regularly



**IF THERE'S A FIRE... Get Out
Stay Out
and call
999**

Real life – unhappy christmas



On Christmas Eve 2001, the Lloyd family popped next door for a Christmas drink. 'I didn't give the fairy lights a second thought,' says Pauline Lloyd, 'only to think how nice they looked.'
It's an oversight Pauline wishes she could forget.

The fairy lights set light to the curtains. Luckily a neighbour spotted the flames and raised the alarm.

'We had a miserable start to the New Year,' says Pauline. 'The front room was ruined. I'm so careful now – I never leave any lights on when I go out. It's not worth the risk.'



GET SMART!

Get the information that could save your life.

GET EQUIPPED!

Invest in the equipment you need to keep you safe.

GET OUT!

Make a plan and be prepared.

This is one of a series of leaflets in the 'Get Smart! Get Equipped! Get Out!' fire safety range available from your local brigade. Other leaflets in the series provide advice on fire safety equipment, fire safety for parents and children, and extra information for those with eyesight problems or problems getting around.

Translations and alternative formats are also available.

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Celebrate safely



PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM FIRE



Celebrations are an excuse to have fun, not an excuse for a fire!

Fire safety is the last thing on your mind when you're celebrating. But think about it – lots of guests, extra decorations, people smoking – all the everyday fire risks get bigger.

Don't let fire safety stop you enjoying yourself – know the risks and plan ahead.

DECORATIVE LIGHTS

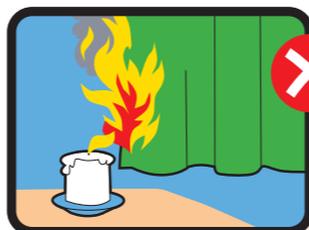
Decorative lights don't get used every day so give them a bit of extra thought.

- Check the maximum amps that can be handled by the fuse in the plug.
- If bulbs blow, replace them.
- Turn decorative lights off at night and when you go out.
- Don't let bulbs touch anything that can burn easily, like paper or fabrics.

CANDLES

Treat candles as you would any other flame.

- Don't leave them unattended.
- Put them out completely at night.



- Keep them away from anything that can catch fire, like Christmas trees, decorations, curtains and so on.
- Make sure they're in secure holders on a heat-resistant surface.

DECORATIONS

Given half a chance, paper decorations will burn.

- ✔ Use your common sense and keep decorations and greeting cards away from heaters, lights, the fireplace and candles.

FIREWORKS

Don't fool with fireworks – they're explosives not toys.

- ✔ Only buy fireworks marked with British Safety Standard 7114 and always read the instructions.

Want to know more? Visit the DTI Firework Safety website <http://www.dti.gov.uk/homesafetynetwork> for more information.

HAVING A PARTY

Do yourself and your visitors a favour – don't leave fire safety to the morning after!

- Let your guests know where to find door and window keys.
- Look out for elderly people, children, and anyone with problems getting about.
- Make sure exits are kept clear.



- If people are smoking, put out extra ashtrays and make sure all cigarettes are put out properly.

It's hotter than you think – cigarettes can burn at temperatures of over 700°C.



Remember – it's easy to be careless when you are tired or if you have been drinking.