

Fire safe and secure winter holidays tips

The holiday season is almost there. For many, that means it's time again to prepare for the most enjoyable days of the year. A period of spending time with family and friends. A time of candles, lights and elaborate dinners in homes that are decorated festively.

Welcome to the Euralarm fire safe and secure winter holidays tips. Explore our essential tips and festive ideas ensuring you have a joyful holiday season with peace of mind and added security.

1. Safe Heating Practices

As temperatures drop, ensure your heating systems are in top condition. Have your furnace inspected, clean chimneys, and ensure space heaters are used with caution. Keep a safe distance between heaters and flammable materials, reducing the risk of fires. Check CO and smoke sensors. Don't have any? This is the time of the year to have them installed.

2. Home Security Measures

In this time of the year, we see an increase in burglaries. It is therefore crucial to safeguard your home, residents and belongings by enhancing security. Install outdoor lighting, especially around entry points, to deter potential intruders. Ensure all doors and windows are properly secured and consider smart home security systems that allow remote monitoring.

3. Seasonal decorations

Elevate your holiday décor with fire safety in mind. Opt for flame-resistant decorations, if you brighten your winter with festive lights do so responsibly. Inspect holiday lights, turn off lights and decorations when leaving home or going to bed to prevent electrical fires. Consider using LED lights, and battery-operated candles which produce less heat and are safer for curious pets or young children and increase the air quality in your home.

4. Cooking Safety

Winter holidays often involve elaborate meals. Practice safe cooking by staying vigilant in the kitchen. Keep combustibles away from stovetops, use timers, and avoid leaving cooking unattended. Install a stove guard, smoke or heat sensor and a kitchen fire extinguisher and make sure it is easily accessible.

5. Emergency Preparedness

Prioritize emergency preparedness. Confirm that smoke alarms are working, review and practice fire escape plans with your family and guests, ensure everyone knows the emergency meeting place. Keep fire extinguishers in key locations, emphasizing prevention and readiness for a secure winter holiday season.

The Euralarm Board and Professional Team wish you very happy holidays and a healthy and prosperous 2025