

Prevention 365 is a quarterly e-newsletter that highlights fire and lifesaving topics designed so you can read them in a minute. Follow along for seasonal safety tips.

Quarterly Safety Tips

Have a safe Halloween!

Halloween brings costumes, candy, and excitement, but it's also an important time to follow safety precautions to ensure your family has a safe and healthy holiday.

On Halloween, more people walk and drive around neighborhoods while trick-or-treating. If you plan on collecting treats from your neighbors on Halloween, keep these tips top of mind:

- Wear costumes that are brightly colored and reflective.
- Always use sidewalks and crosswalks when possible.
- Check your children's treats before they eat them.



Read more [Halloween safety tips](#) from Gwinnett Safety 411.

Know the risk when you light the wick

With cooler nights upon us, more people tend to light candles to create a cozy environment. Unfortunately, more lit candles increase the chance of fire. Studies show that three of every five home candle fires happen when a candle is placed too close to something that is flammable.

Follow these tips to enjoy candles without any worries:

- Keep children and pets away from candle flames.
- When lighting candles, keep your hair and any loose-fitting clothing away from the flame.
- Blow out candles when you leave the room or home for any reason and before going to sleep.



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Getting into the holiday spirit

When do you start decorating for the holidays? Getting into the holiday spirit comes with plenty of decisions. Real tree, artificial tree, or no tree at all? Clear lights, colorful lights, or both?

No matter your choices, it's essential to follow the manufacturer's instructions. Every year during the holiday season, fires injure more than 2,600 people and cause millions of dollars in property damage.



Let's have a safe and enjoyable holiday season by following these best practices:

- Water a live tree and check it daily to ensure the needles are fresh and the tree is not dried out. If needles fall off when touched, the tree is too dry. Keep the tree moist by giving it plenty of water.
- Turn off holiday lights when leaving the home or going to sleep.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets during holiday decorating.
- Select holiday decorations that are made of fire-resistant materials.

Read more [holiday safety tips](#) from Gwinnett Safety 411.



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