



# Peterborough Fire Service

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### **Stay Alert This Christmas and Stay Safe**

Every holiday season, several families in Ontario lose their homes to fire. The real tragedy is that many of these fires are preventable.

In order to avoid common fire hazards this holiday season, the public is urged to:

- Ensure that extension cords are not damaged
- Check for faulty Christmas lights
- Water Christmas trees daily
- Never leave burning candles or stove-top cooking unattended.

Residents are reminded to ensure that household smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working and that everyone in your home knows how to escape if a fire occurs.

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This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at [www.peterborough.ca](http://www.peterborough.ca).

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