

# Aurora **safety** Solutions

## fire safety FOR HOLIDAYS

### Halloween

**Costumes:** When purchasing costumes, including wigs and props, select only those that are labeled as being flame-resistant or flame-retardant. Remember that costumes, especially those that have long flowing or billowing features, may be easily ignited by candles, cigarettes or other flame sources, risking serious burn injuries to the wearer. If you make a costume, try not to make one that is big or baggy so that the material doesn't touch candles or other flames. Use flame-resistant fabrics, such as polyester and nylon. These materials will resist burning if exposed to flame.

**Candle Safety:** Tell consumers/staff to stay away from candles and jack-o'-lanterns that may be on doorways or steps and porches. Consumers should never carry a candle when trick-or-treating. Always use a flashlight, light stick or flameless candle. Don't use candles for decoration. They're dangerous, especially when left unattended.

**Flammable Items:** Remember that dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper are all highly flammable. Keep decorations using these materials well away from candles, heaters, or other heat sources.

**Safety First:** When decorating make sure that decorations do not block or hide exits.

### Christmas

**Holiday Lights:** Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory. Do not leave holiday lights unattended. Do not overload electrical outlets.

**Holiday Decorations:** Use only nonflammable decorations. Make sure they are placed away from heating vents.

**Wrapping paper:** Never put wrapping paper in a fire place it can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers and may result in a chimney fire.

**Artificial Christmas Trees:** If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.



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