

Holiday Fire Safety

Courtesy of EMO Hampton Roads

The United Kingdom's Department for Communities and Local Government released a public safety ad reminding people how quickly Christmas trees can go up in flames. The speed of the fire in the video is sobering and serves as a reminder to the public just how little time they have to get out safely.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=hMtjGfr0tYs

Facts about Home Holiday Fires

- One of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious. On average, one of every 40 reported home structure Christmas tree fires results in a death compared to an average of one death per 142 total reported home structure fires.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every six of Christmas tree fires.
- More than half (56 percent) of home candle fires occur when something that can catch on fire is too close to the candle.
- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. In December, 11 percent of home candle fires began with decorations compared to 4 percent the rest of the year.

Visit Ready Navy at http://www.ready.navy.mil/be_informed/manmade_hazards/home_fires.html to learn How to Prepare for a Home Fire.

Source: National Fire Protection Association