

# December Holiday Fire Safety Activities

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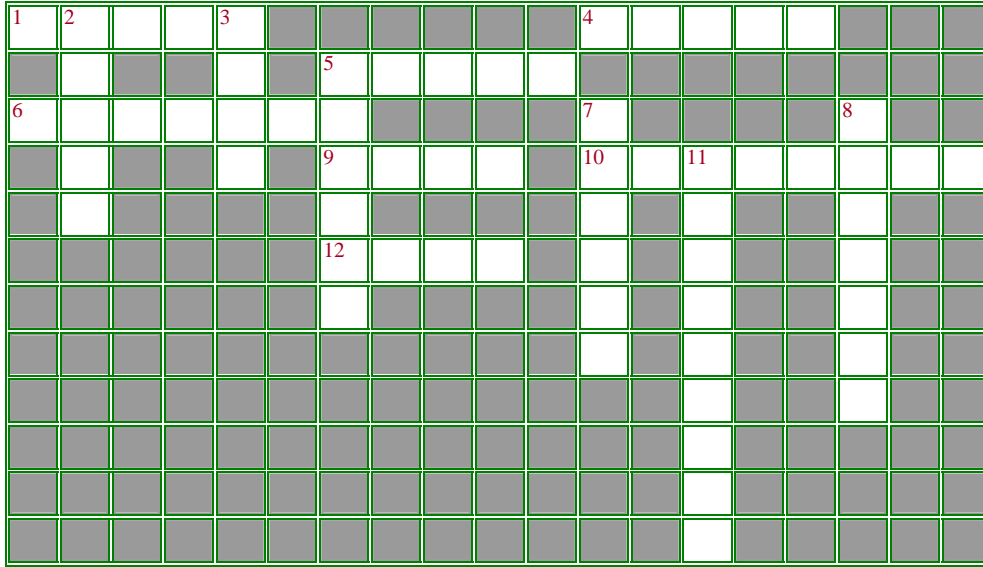
The first activity below may be used as a colouring contest or home hazard check activity. Have kids circle the hazards in this home.



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## Crossword Puzzle

Use the holiday fire safety clues below to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.



### ACROSS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your live Christmas tree regularly.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ low under smoke.
5. Make sure holiday decorations do not block \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Keep \_\_\_\_\_ away from all holiday decorations.
9. If you get burned: \_\_\_\_\_ a burn. Don't use cream or salve.
10. The number of home fires \_\_\_\_\_ during the December holidays.
12. Do not overload electrical \_\_\_\_\_-ins

### DOWN

2. Test your smoke \_\_\_\_\_ at least once a month.
3. If you or your clothes catch on fire: stop, drop, and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Design and regularly practice a home fire \_\_\_\_\_ plan with your family.
7. Turn off holiday \_\_\_\_\_ before you go to bed or leave the house.
8. Children should never play with \_\_\_\_\_, lighters, or candles.
11. Ensure holiday lights are in good \_\_\_\_\_. Replace wires with cracks, breaks or frays.

**Answers:** Across: water, crawl, exits, candles, cool, increase, plug; Down: alarm, roll, escape, lights, matches, condition

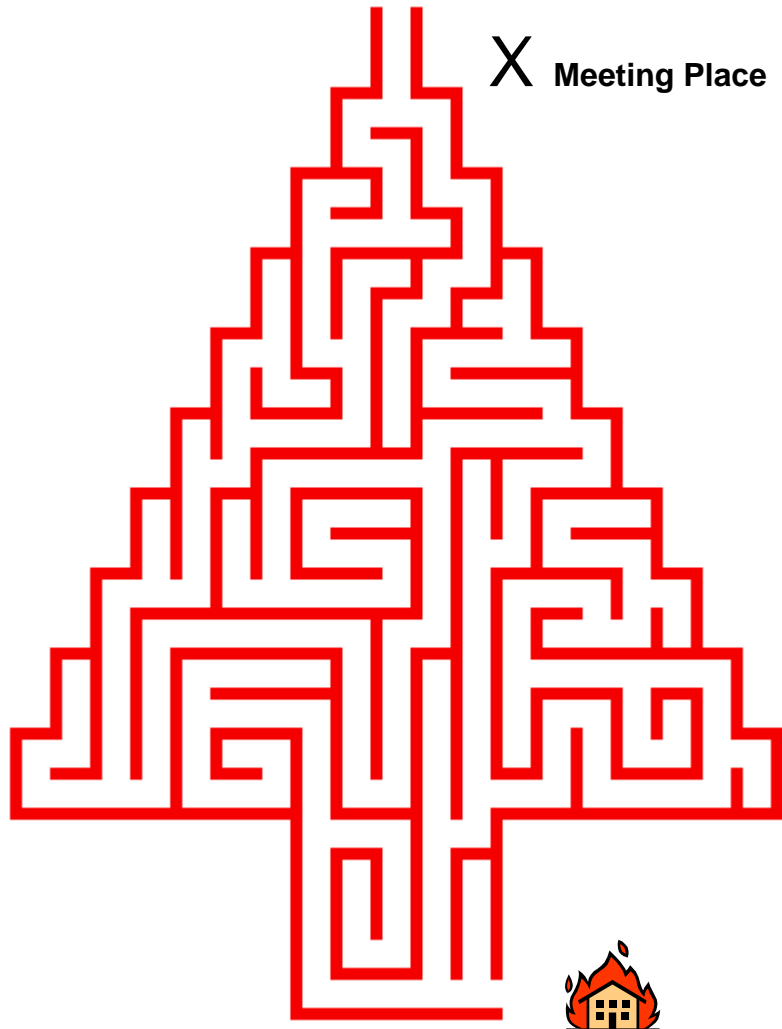
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## Christmas Tree Maze

At home you should plan and practice a home escape plan with your family. Just like your escape plan, find your way out of this maze.

Also, remember these safety tips for your home fire escape drill:

- Crawl low to avoid smoke and heat.
- Feel doors with the back of your hand before opening them.
- If the door feels hot, find a second exit.
- Get out and stay out.
- Go to your meeting place
- Call 9-1-1 from a neighbour's phone



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## Holiday Fire Safety Art and Craft Decoration



### The activity:

A decorative fire safety message chain for kids to display in their homes during the December holiday season as they count down the days to a new, safe year.

### What you need:

- Different colours of construction paper
- Markers
- Glitter
- Scissors
- Stapler

### What to do:

- Have kids cut 31 strips of construction paper (one for each day of the month).
- Use the December Holiday “Fire Facts” tip sheets in this kit to have kids write a different holiday safety message on each one.
- Have kids decorate the strips with anything they want: markers, glitter, stickers...
- Staple the first strip into a loop and then make a chain of the strips by looping and then stapling them together.
- Have kids take the chain home to decorate their homes during the December holiday season.
- Each day, have kids take a link off the chain and check their home for the corresponding safety hazard.
- As the chain gets shorter, the kids can count down the days to a new, safe year!