



HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

TIPS FOR SAFE HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

'Tis the season for holiday celebrations, from now through the New Year, there are many holiday traditions that involve candles and/or fireworks. By taking a few simple precautions, you and your family will ensure a safe holiday celebration!



Diwali: (mid-October) The 'Festival of Lights' is celebrated on various dates from mid-October through November by a variety of Hindu temples and Indian cultural organizations. Holiday traditions include the use of 'divas' (oil lamps) and fireworks.

Halloween: (October 31) Jack O'Lanterns and decorative candelabras make up the décor of choice for this holiday. "Candle with care" with our tips below!

Thanksgiving: (November 23) Deep frying a turkey for your holiday feast? Use care when operating the fryer or roasting the bird and cooking up all of the sides in your kitchen.

Hanukkah: (December 12 – 20) If you are planning to light the menorah and fry a batch of latkes in celebration of the 'Festival of Lights', use caution.

Christmas: (December 25) Decorate with care, whether you are hanging lights from a tree or around your yard, or lighting holiday candles around your home.

New Year holiday: (December 31 – January 1) Don't go out with a bang. Leave the fireworks to the professionals.

CANDLE WITH CARE

- 🕯 Blow out candles before you leave a room and before you go to bed.
- 🕯 Airborne sky lanterns with candles are prohibited.
- 🕯 Keep candles out of reach of children and pets
- 🕯 Keep candles away from anything that can burn. Do not lean over candles.
- 🕯 Keep candles in a sturdy holder and away from draughts.
- 🕯 DO NOT use candles if oxygen is used in the home.
- 🕯 Think about using flameless candles.

COOKING WITH CAUTION

- 🔥 All of the extra cooking for the holidays increases the risk of kitchen fires.
- 🔥 Take extra care when frying or cooking with oil. Hot oil can catch fire easily.
- 🔥 Use a thermostat controlled deep-fat fryer to ensure the fat does not get too hot
- 🔥 NEVER leave items on the stove or fryer unattended. Turn stove off when done.
- 🔥 Keep hand towels & clothing away from the stove and the oven.