

HOLIDAY BUSINESS FIRE SAFETY

As the holiday shopping season gets underway, the Franklin Fire Department would like to remind you of some important fire safety tips for your business:

1 CHRISTMAS TREES

Real (natural cut) Christmas trees are **NOT** permitted in mercantile businesses and restaurants **UNLESS** you have an approved fire sprinkler system.

3 STORAGE & TRASH

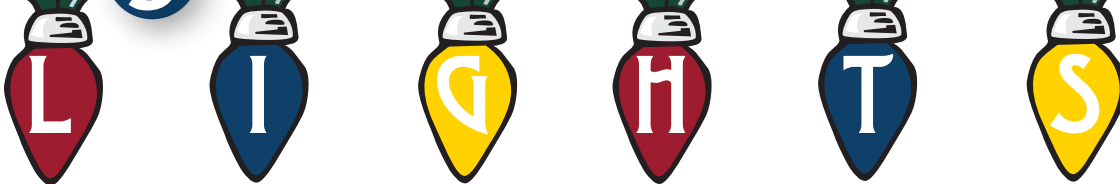


Maintain your exits! Aisles, passageways and stairways shall not be obstructed with stored merchandise, displays, decorations or other obstructions – including trash! Dispose of trash immediately in approved containers; never let it pile up inside or outside exits. Also, don't stack/store merchandise too high! **Keep in mind that sprinkler heads need 18 inches of clearance.** Finally, don't cover up emergency exit signs.

4 EXTENSION CORDS

Remember that extension cords are for temporary use only. Choose the correct size/type for the item you are powering. Don't string multiple cords together. Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets. **Discard extension cords that are frayed or pinched immediately.**

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Choose the correct type of lights – some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. **Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets** and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

2 CANDLES

A candle is an open flame that can easily ignite anything that can burn. **For safest practice consider using flameless candles that are battery operated.** If you decide to use real candles, use candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over. Place candles on uncluttered surfaces and keep them away from combustible materials.



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