

■ Home Holiday Safety Prep Sheet

Help avoid common household accidents during the holidays — especially with guests, kids, and pets around. Use this checklist to make sure your home is ready, safe, and protected.

1. Outdoor Safety & Entryway

- Check for ice, snow, or wet leaves on walkways and steps
- Ensure outdoor lighting is working (especially near stairs or driveways)
- Secure loose handrails and repair cracked steps
- Put non-slip mats at all entries
- Use salt or sand on walkways before storms

2. Indoor Trip & Fall Hazards

- Remove clutter, cords, and throw rugs in high-traffic areas
- Add nightlights in halls and bathrooms for overnight guests
- Secure area rugs with anti-slip backing
- Keep pets and toys clear from walkways

3. Kitchen & Cooking

- Never leave the stove or oven unattended when in use
- Turn pot handles inward and use back burners when possible
- Keep fire extinguisher accessible
- Test smoke detectors before guests arrive
- Avoid using extension cords for major kitchen appliances

4. Fire Safety & Holiday Decor

- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything flammable
- Use flameless candles around kids/pets
- Don't overload outlets or power strips
- Water live trees daily
- Keep trees away from heat sources (fireplaces, vents, space heaters)

5. Guest & Liability Preparedness

- Make sure homeowner's insurance is active and up to date

- Know your liability limits in case someone gets hurt
- Keep emergency contacts posted on the fridge
- Store medications and cleaning supplies out of reach of children
- Create a guest-safe sleeping area (avoid stairs if possible)

■ ■ A safe home is a happy home. If you'd like help reviewing your home, liability, or umbrella coverage — I'm just a call away.

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