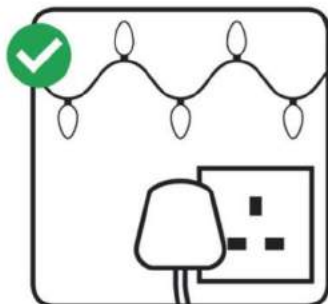# WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Never overload plug sockets. Always switch off and unplug Christmas lights before you go to bed.

Never place candles near your Christmas tree or other materials that can catch fire easily.

Decorations and cards can burn easily, so don't attach them to lights or heaters.

Make sure your family, guests and visitors know how to escape in an emergency.

Don't block internal or external doors that could form part of your escape route in an emergency.

Check up on elderly friends, relatives and neighbours as they are at greater risk from fire.

Keep an eye on your cooking, and don't cook if you are tired or have been drinking.

Close inside doors at night. If a fire breaks out, this will help prevent it from spreading.

If anyone smokes, make sure they use a proper ashtray and that cigarettes are put out properly.

Take care around open fireplaces to avoid the risk of clothes or wrapping paper catching fire.

Never leave burning candles unattended. Keep them out of reach of children and pets.

Test the batteries in your smoke alarm every month. Never remove working batteries.

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