

Christmas Tree

SAFEY

While Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they can be quite serious whether your tree is real or from the box.

General Safety

- Choose a tree that will fit easily into your home.
- Ensure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Make sure the tree is at least 1m away from any heat source, like candles or lights.
- Use Australian-compliant decoration lights. Check to see if your lights are for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before going to bed or leaving home.
- Ensure heavy decorations are evenly distributed to avoid the tree falling over.
- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

Living trees

- Choose real trees with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2cm from the base of the trunk.
- Add water to the tree stand. Avoid the tree drying out by adding water daily.
- Dispose of the tree after Christmas or if it becomes dry. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and therefore are a fire danger. Consider recycling your tree as garden mulch.

