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## Safety Calendar



# December 2026: Holiday Safety

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Keep your holidays happy by being safe!

Climate events are increasing in frequency and intensity, and the number of billion-dollar disasters has tripled over the past five years, with winter storms making up a significant portion.<sup>1</sup> Don't let holiday cheer turn into season's grief. The leading type of holiday injuries stem from falls, cuts and burns.<sup>2</sup>

Be prepared by following these safety tips:

 Decorations	 Fire Safety	 Well-being	 Good Practices
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Non-Flammable</b> Choose decorations made from non-flammable materials.</li><li>• <b>Lighting</b> Ensure that all holiday lighting is in good condition with no frayed cords and doesn't present tripping hazards.</li><li>• <b>Exits</b> Locate decorations so that emergency exits aren't obstructed.</li><li>• <b>Temporary Wiring</b> Avoid overloading outlets and use of extension cords. Cords should not be run under carpets or across walking paths.</li><li>• <b>Ladders</b> Use ladders safely and ensure that they are stable and on level ground.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Alarms</b> Test smoke detectors and alarms to ensure that they are functioning properly.</li><li>• <b>LED Lighting</b> LED lighting is energy efficient and presents a lower fire risk.</li><li>• <b>Heat Sources</b> Maintain a safe distance between decorations and heating equipment.</li><li>• <b>Open Flames</b> Avoid the use of open flames.</li><li>• <b>Fire Extinguishers</b> Conduct training on the proper use of fire extinguishers.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Come back</b> From the holidays! Never drink and drive.</li><li>• <b>Hygiene</b> Cover that cough, and wash/disinfect hands and surfaces.</li><li>• <b>Food Storage</b> Keep hot food hot and cold food cold.</li><li>• <b>Manage Stress</b> Provide resources for stress management, including time-off policies and EAPs.</li><li>• <b>Ergonomics</b> Remind employees about ergonomic practices such as lifting heavy items while decorating.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ride Share</b> Offer information about safe transportation options for employees attending holiday events.</li><li>• <b>Vendors</b> Ensure that vendors follow safety and health guidelines and appropriate risk transfer is in place.</li><li>• <b>Nutrition</b> Promote healthy food options at holiday gatherings.</li><li>• <b>Time Off</b> Encourage employees to take regular breaks to reduce burnout.</li><li>• <b>Communication</b> Establish a method to communicate urgent information during the holiday season.</li></ul>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Choose decorations made from non-flammable materials.	<b>2</b> Ensure that all holiday lighting is in good condition with no frayed cords and doesn't present tripping hazards.	<b>3</b> Locate decorations so that emergency exits aren't obstructed.	<b>4</b> Hanukkah Hanukkah	<b>5</b> Avoid overloading outlets and use of extension cords. Cords should not be run under carpets or across walking paths.
<b>6</b> Use ladders safely and ensure that they are stable and on level ground.	<b>7</b> Test smoke detectors and alarms to ensure that they are functioning properly.	<b>8</b> LED lighting is energy efficient and presents a lower fire risk.	<b>9</b> Maintain a safe distance between decorations and heating equipment.	<b>10</b> Avoid the use of open flames.	<b>11</b> Conduct training on the proper use of fire extinguishers.	<b>12</b> Encourage employees to take regular breaks to reduce burnout.
<b>13</b> Cover that cough, and wash/disinfect hands and surfaces.	<b>14</b> Keep hot food hot and cold food cold.	<b>15</b> Provide resources for stress management, including time-off policies and EAPs.	<b>16</b> Remind employees about ergonomic practices such as lifting heavy items while decorating.	<b>17</b> Offer information about safe transportation options for employees attending holiday events.	<b>18</b> Ensure that vendors follow safety and health guidelines and appropriate risk transfer is in place.	<b>19</b> Promote healthy food options at holiday gatherings.
<b>20</b> Encourage employees to take regular breaks to reduce burnout.	<b>21</b> Establish a method to communicate urgent information during the holiday season.	<b>22</b> Ensure that all holiday lighting is in good condition with no frayed cords and doesn't present tripping hazards.	<b>23</b> Avoid overloading outlets and use of extension cords. Cords should not be run under carpets or across walking paths.	<b>24</b> Locate decorations so that emergency exits aren't obstructed.	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Christmas Day	<b>26</b> Kwanzaa Kwanzaa
<b>27</b> Come back from the holidays! Never drink and drive.	<b>28</b> Maintain a safe distance between decorations and heating equipment.	<b>29</b> Use ladders safely and ensure that they are stable and on level ground.	<b>30</b> Conduct training on the proper use of fire extinguishers.	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve New Year's Eve		



# Prepare and Prevent with Chubb

Our in-house network of nearly 500 risk consultants around the globe can help businesses anticipate and minimize costly exposures, ensuring resilience for the years to come.

## Access Resources

The online Risk Consulting Library offers hundreds of risk management best practices and resources to help mitigate and minimize a company's risk. The library is available to participating business clients as well as appointed agents and brokers. This global library contains technical briefs, guides, checklists, training sessions, and more.

- [Driving on Snow & Ice](#)
- [Special Events Liability](#)
- [Liquor Liability](#)

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### ➤ [Chubb's Risk Management Training Course Schedule](#)

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