



## **The Electrical Safety Foundation International Holiday Safety Campaign Statistics**

### **The Electrical Safety Foundation International:**

- More than 20% of Americans do not take the simple step of turning off lighted decorations before going to bed.
- More than a third (34%) of Americans do not agree with the statement that electrical products are a leading cause of house fires.
- 78% of Americans use extension cords as a permanent power supply and not for the temporary use they are designed for.
- Most Americans (76%) celebrate the holidays by decorating their homes.
- Most home owner's respondents (66%) expect to have to use one or more extension cords to bring power to outdoor decorations this holiday season.

### **Consumer Product Safety Commission:**

- According to CPSC, an average of 5,000 people visit the emergency room each holiday season due to indoor and outdoor electrical decoration mishaps.

### **National Fire Protection Association:**

- Home fires during the holiday season will cause over \$550 million in property damage.

### **US Fire Administration:**

- Nearly 156,000 fires in the United States occur during the winter holiday season claiming nearly 630 lives, 2,600 injuries, and \$936 million in property damage. On December 31 and January 1 alone, there are over 200 fatalities and injuries on average resulting from fire.
- The number of children injured and killed by fires more than doubles during the holiday months.
- Young children are twice as likely to die in a home fire than the rest of the population.
- Nearly 130,000 fires will be reported in December alone claiming over 400 lives and causing more than 1,600 injuries.