

# **HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS**

**FROM THE HIDALGO COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE**

- Test your smoke detectors and replace old batteries, if necessary.
- Careful with candles! Don't put close to stockings, Christmas trees, or other decorations. Make sure your candle holders are flame retardant.
- Keep decorations away from sources of heat: heaters, flames, exposed electric bulbs.
- Don't overload electrical outlets!
- Make sure cords aren't frayed or worn. When in doubt, throw them out.
- Keep your Christmas tree fresh... water it! Dry trees are dangerous.
- Keep tree away from heat sources and don't use candles on it.
- When you are done with your tree, safely dispose of it. Don't burn it.
- Never use "outdoor" lights indoors or vice versa.
- Don't use fireworks near homes or dry vegetation.
- Don't mix alcohol and fireworks.
- Don't put fireworks inside bottles for you may cut yourself.
- Use common sense. All children need supervision.
- And as always, have an escape route out of your house, a family meeting point and teach the children 9-1-1.

**Happy Holidays Y'all!**