8 holiday safety tips to know this holiday season.



In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, put safety on the top of your list.

To help, we've gathered some of the most important holiday safety tips to keep you, your family, and your home protected.

1. **Stay safe while decorating.** Put safety first during interior and exterior decorating. Always ensure ladders are sturdy before climbing them and have someone steady the ladder as you climb. Keep flammable items like Christmas trees and boxes away from the fireplace or radiator. Put your Christmas tree in a sturdy base and place candles in sturdy holders.

2. **Burn safely indoors and outdoors.** If you're having an indoor fire or an outdoor bonfire, remember burning safety tips. Never throw wrapping paper, receipts, or tissue paper in the fire.

3. **Prepare for holiday road trips.** Remember road safety if you're visiting another state or family members during the holidays. Get your vehicle ready for winter weather, keep an emergency preparedness kit inside, watch for weather conditions, clear your headlights of snow, and allow yourself ample time to get to your destination.

4. **Protect delivered packages.** Online ordering has skyrocketed, especially during the holiday season. If you've ordered online and are expecting front-door delivery, protect deliveries from theft by tracking your shipments, leaving specific delivery instructions, and installing a front-door camera.

5. **Keep presents out of sight.** Hiding holiday gifts in a closet or storage area keeps them out of sight from children … and burglars. If someone saw through your windows or front door during the holiday season, you wouldn't want gifts advertised or on display. The safest bet is to keep them out

of sight until it’s time to give them.

6. **Disguise boxes at the curb.** After presents have been opened, don’t advertise them on trash day. Cross out your personal information, break them down into small fragments, and try to hide markings on the sides of boxes that show what item was inside.

7. **Protect your home while you’re away.** Traveling for the holiday season? Protect your home from theft by alerting neighbors of your absence, keeping outdoor lights on, reinforcing sliding doors, and locking all doors and windows.

8. **Review your credit card statements.** Throughout and after the holiday season, review credit card purchases to catch fraudulent or incorrect charges.

Protect your home, family, and purchases with these holiday safety tips. Looking for more comprehensive protection? Talk to one of our local, independent agents about coverage from Frankenmuth Insurance.