

# STAY SAFE THIS FEST<sup>⚡</sup>IVE SEASON



## DON'T OVERLOAD OR DAISY-CHAIN EXTENSION LEADS:

- Plugging in too many high-powered appliances, or connecting extension leads together, can cause overheating and lead to fire.



## KEEP BUTTON BATTERIES OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN:

- Button batteries are used in toys, string lights and nightlights. If swallowed, they can be fatal.
- If the battery compartment isn't secure, keep the product well out of reach of young children.



## CHECK PLUGS BEFORE USE:

- Do not use products with clover leaf-shaped plugs which are small and often missing a fuse, posing a fire risk.
- Only use products fitted with a UK 3-pin plug, bought from a reputable retailer.

**A FEW SIMPLE STEPS CAN ENSURE  
A FUN AND SAFE SEASON WITH  
YOUR LOVED ONES!**

For more information visit:

[electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/christmas](https://electricalsafetyfirst.org.uk/christmas)



## CONNECT OUTDOOR LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS WITH RCD PROTECTION:

- An **RCD** is a life-saving device that automatically switches off electricity if there is a fault. It protects you against electric shock and reduces the risk of electrical fires.
- If you don't have an RCD in your fuse box, use a plug-in RCD.



## ENSURE OUTDOOR LIGHTS ARE WEATHERPROOF:

- Only use lights and extension leads suitable for outdoor use (IP-rated).
- Think about how and where they are connected. Make sure the plug and power supply are protected by an RCD.



## INSPECT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BEFORE USE:

- Frayed or damaged cables? Don't risk using them.
- Recycle damaged sets safely at your local recycling centre.

