

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a yellow sweater, a red scarf, and red gloves, is smiling and looking up as she hangs a string of warm white lights. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with more lights and snow on trees.

Light up the holiday season *safely.*

Holiday lighting safety tips:

Before hanging holiday lights outside, look out for overhead power lines. Never throw light strands into trees near power lines.

Inspect all the lights you plan on using. Make sure the wires are in good condition—not cracked, brittle, or frayed. The sockets should not be damaged, and no light bulbs should be missing.

Check that all light strands are certified and rated for the conditions in which they'll be used.

Never string more than three strands of lights together unless the packaging says it is safe to do so. Overloaded cords or outlets could start a fire.

Never tack or nail through a strand of lights. Do not place cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.

Lighted and electrical outdoor decorations should be plugged into ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected outlets.

Turn holiday lights off before going to sleep or leaving the house. A timer can help you do this.

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