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## **“12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety” Campaign Tip for Day 5**

Jackson – The danger of using lit candles in decorating is the focus of the fire safety tips for Day 5 of the State Fire Marshal’s “12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety” Campaign. Beginning Friday, December 12, and every day for the next 12 days, the State Fire Marshal’s Office will highlight a Christmas Fire Safety tip. The tips will focus on various areas that hold the potential for starting holiday fires. Areas covered include decorating, tree trimming and maintenance, entertaining and cooking.

The tip for Day 5 is:

**Day 5 - Never used lit candles to decorate a tree, and make sure any lit candles in the room are place away from tree branches.**

The State Fire Marshal’s Office also recommends using battery-operated flameless candles which can look, smell, and feel like real candles.

The “12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety” Campaign is part of an ongoing State Fire Marshal’s Office effort to educate Mississippians on the dangers of holiday fires.

A special “12 Days of Christmas Fire Safety” webpage has been developed for the Mississippi Insurance Department website [www.mid.state.ms.us](http://www.mid.state.ms.us) and will be updated with each day’s new tip. Additional Christmas fire safety tips will be available on the website as well.