

# Plug In to Holiday Safety

A teacher's guide to holiday fire prevention and electrical safety for **Grades 3-5**



Inside you'll find these materials to help you teach students about fire prevention and electrical safety during the winter holiday season:

- Student worksheets
- Seek-and-find poster
- Party ideas
- Family materials





# P.I. Plug Is on the Case!

My name is P.I. Plug. I'm a private investigator—I find electrical dangers and fire hazards in and around people's homes. During the winter holidays, I am very busy. I have more work than I can do on my own! Will you help me investigate this home? **Circle** the things that are safe. Place an **X** over the things that are unsafe.

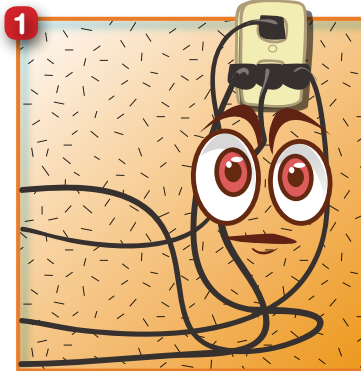


**Answer Key:** Safe: This room has a working smoke alarm; an adult is supervising the baking of holiday cookies; an adult is plugging a single strand of lights into the outlet; a kid is spinning a dreidel. Unsafe: Overloaded extension cord with too many strands of lights plugged into it; stockings hung over the fireplace too close to the fire; space heater too close to the Christmas tree; the Christmas tree is dry, but should be kept healthy and watered; several cords are running across the middle of the room; Kwanzaa candle display is within reach of an unsupervised kid.



# Test Your Holiday Safety Know-How

P.I. Plug here again. I test my electrical and fire safety skills every time I search a home for safety dangers. Now it's your turn. Fill in the blanks with the missing words. Use the pictures to help you.



1 Don't plug too many electrical decorations into an o \_ t \_ e \_ .



2 Keep the space h \_ \_ \_ t \_ r far away from the tree and other decorations.



3 Make sure an adult pays attention to food that is c \_ \_ o k \_ \_ \_ g.



4 Never leave lit c \_ \_ d \_ \_ s unattended.



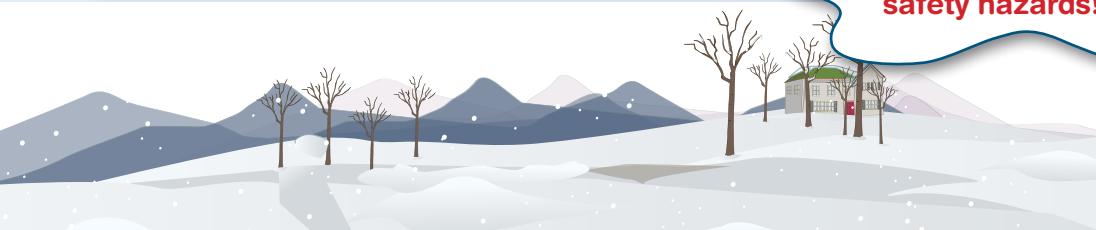
5 Have an adult test sm \_ k e a \_ \_ \_ r m s every month.

ANSWERS: 1. outlet; 2. heater; 3. cooking; 4. candles; 5. smoke alarms.

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Ask your teacher for Student Activity Sheet 3!

**Congratulations!**  
You're on your way to being a holiday safety expert. Now you're ready to inspect your own home for safety hazards!





# Holiday Home Inspection

Using what you have learned about fire and electrical safety, unscramble the words and use your answers to solve the riddle.

1. First, I saw an extension \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> with four strands of lights plugged into it. **dorc**

2. Next, I saw that the space \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> was next to the Christmas tree. **ehaert**

3. No one was home, but there were \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> burning. **adlescn**

4. In the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>, there was an unattended pot on the stove. **inchtek**

5. All of these safety \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> could start a fire. **zhasard**

6. There weren't even any batteries in the smoke \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>! **aarmsl**

★ **Riddle:**

How did P.I. Plug feel after he found all the safety hazards in this home?

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup>!

