

## Keep your family fire safe this Christmas...

### Smoke alarms:

- ✓ "Beep beep beep, test once a week". Test your smoke alarms to make sure they are working.
- ✓ Make sure you have enough batteries for Christmas Day - do not be tempted to take them out of the smoke alarm

### Get out, stay out, call 999:

- ✓ Keep escape routes clear of trip hazards
- ✓ Your escape routes may change if you block doors with Christmas trees
- ✓ If you are staying away from home or have guests, make sure everyone knows the escape plan
- ✓ Make sure keys are near doors and windows

### Stay fire safe:

#### ❖ Fairy lights

- ✓ Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard (BS EN 60598) and are in good working order
- ✓ Turn off fairy lights when you leave the home or go to bed
- ✓ Do not overload sockets
- ✓ Always use an RCD (residual current device) on outdoor electrical equipment
- ✓ If you have a real Christmas tree; keep it watered so it doesn't dry out

#### ❖ Cooking

- ✓ Keep the area around the cooker clean and tidy
- ✓ Do not leave cooking unattended
- ✓ Turn off the cooker when you have finished

#### ❖ Candles

- ✓ Never leave lit candles unattended, keep away from children, pets and make sure cards and wrapping paper can't fall on them

#### ❖ The chimney

- ✓ Make sure the chimney is swept so Father Christmas can get down if he is coming that way! (also sweep before you have a fire)
- ✓ Ask your child to colour in the picture. Why not take a photo and upload it to Instagram and tag @dwfirerescue and use #santassmokealarm.

# Have a Happy and Fire Safe Christmas

