Seasonal Fire Safety Tips

🎄 Christmas trees. If you are having a real tree this year, the key for keeping the fire risk down is water! A dry Christmas tree can go up in flames, destroying furniture, walls and carpets in less than one minute.

⚠️ Keep Corridors and exits clear. When you're deciding where to put your Christmas decorations, trees etc. you must make sure they don’t obstruct corridors, fire exits and doorways.

📅 Christmas Lights. After 12 months packed away, Christmas lights can easily become electrically unsafe. We recommend the following simple precautions and checks:

• Check that the lights are not damaged or broken before use and look out for loose wires
• Switch lights off and unplug at the end of office hours
• If possible use LED or battery operated lights, these should also be checked for faults and should be turned off when not in use
• **Never** overload sockets - try to avoid the use of extension leads and do not use plug adapters
• **Before use** PAT (portable appliance testing) needs to be carried out. Contact facilities@eng.cam.ac.uk to arrange a PAT.