

# FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

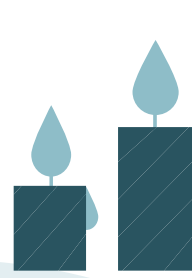
## 1882

Was the year electric Christmas lights were first used to light a tree.



### Fact #1: Candles

Originally **candles** were used to light **Christmas trees**... it was pretty dangerous.



### Fact #2: World Record

The **most Christmas lights ever** put on a house was half a million light bulbs, that's **31 miles of lights** or **545.6 football fields**.

### Fact #3: Lot's of Money

The **U.S. spends 6 billion dollars** on Christmas decoration, including Christmas lights.



## People Love Christmas Lights

### Fact #4: Cost

In the early days of Christmas lights, because the **lights were so expensive** they were **rented out**. A string of lights in 1900 cost \$12 or **\$300 in todays dollars**.

### Fact #5: Popularity

Christmas trees **using electric lights** did not become common in the United States **until after WWII**.

### Fact #6: Outdoor Lights

True **outdoor Christmas lights** really weren't used until around 1927-1928, almost **45 years after the first electric tree lights** were demonstrated.

## SAFETY FIRST!

### Fact #7: Injuries

In **2013 emergency rooms treated over 12,000 injuries** from people trying to hang Christmas lights.



### Fact #8: Ice & Snow

**40% of injuries** were reported during **December** when ice and snow are most common.

### Fact #9: Damages

From 2007-2011 there was over **\$8.4 million in direct property damages** from incorrectly hung Christmas lights.



## Fact #10: Christmas is the Best

Though many different holidays are celebrated in the United States, **Christmas is by far the biggest and most popular**. So this year be safe hanging your Christmas lights and have **a very merry Christmas!**

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