



SAFETY TALK



Holiday Injuries

Holiday Decorations

On average, there are about 160 Christmas decorating-related injuries each day during the holiday season, according to a Consumer Product Safety Commission 2022 report.

- Provide plenty of water for “live trees”
- Make sure artificial trees are “Fire Retardant”
- Never leave candles unattended

Toys

- Make sure that your gifts are “Age appropriate” for each child
- Get safety gear with scooters or other riding toys and ensure the safety gear is used each time the child rides
- Ensure that there are no small, removable items that will turn into choking hazards
- Discard packaging that could harm or injure smaller children

Parties and Festivities

- **DO NOT** allow guests to drive if they have been drinking.
- Wash hands and utensils often during the preparation of food to limit the “Cross-contamination” potential
- Poultry must be full cooked
- Limit the hot and cold “buffet” food items exposure to room temperature
 - Germs can grow rapidly in the danger zone between 40°F and 140°F.



Electrical Safety



12 Tips of Christmas

- 1. Examine Electrical Decorations**
*Check for broken sockets, bare wires and loose connections
- 2. Plan your layout with electrical requirements in mind**
*No cords should pose a trip hazard
*Always look UP to identify overhead hazards such as power, telephone or cable TV lines
- 3. NEVER overload electrical circuits**
*Remember the 80% rule! Only load a 15 Amp circuit to 12 Amps, and a 20 Amp circuit to 16 Amps.
- 4. Check Manufactures guidance on how many strings can be plugged together**
*Wattage loads can add up quickly.
- 5. Extension cords should be “Outdoor” rated if used out in the elements**
- 6. Protect extension cords from damage**
*Do not attach with nails or staples
- 7. Outdoor circuits and decorations should be protected by GFCIs**
- 8. Decorations should not be left on when you go to bed or leave the house**
- 9. Consider replacing traditional candles with battery operated option**
- 10. DO NOT leave cooking equipment unattended**
- 11. Turn off space heaters when you leave the room**
*Keep at least 3 feet away from flammable items
- 12. Cords should NEVER be run under rugs or furniture**

Stay Safe & Enjoy the Holidays