

*Here are a few safety tips to make your
Christmas safer.*



Why is Holiday safety important?



- ❶ *Decorations are not used and checked for damage/wear and tear on a regular basis*
- ❷ *More visitors in the home, especially children and the elderly.*
- ❸ *Child proof your home if small children are expected.*
- ❹ *Schedules are more hectic and most people are preoccupied with family events. Take time for safety!*



We're checkin' the list... checkin' it twice

The following are a few things you should look for to make your home safer.

- *Condition of electrical outlets and safety caps.*
- *Extension cords, too many, plugged into each other (piggy backed).*
- *Electric lights on the metal X-mas tree!*
- *Condition of all electrical cords.*



What's cookin' in the kitchen?



Here are a few things you should look for in the kitchen.



- Thaw meat properly.*
- Don't keep pots and pans on the stove when you are finished with them.*
- Keep handles pointed in (so they aren't bumped by someone walking by or grabbed by curious children.)*
- Be careful when storing and handling glassware and flatware.*
- Be careful of using dishwashers if the dishes are not compatible with dishwashers. Hand wash all dishes not compatible with dishwashers.*



Kids and holiday cooking

Kids and do **NOT** mix

- ❶ *Children love to help in the kitchen, but They should always be supervised.*
- ❷ *You should limit the number of people, especially the number of children, and the number of tasks.*
- ❸ *The tasks should be assigned according to age and motor skills.*





Here are a few things to look for in your dining room.

- ❶ *The flower arrangements (toxic?)*
- ❷ *The candles (a fire hazard within reach of children.)*
- ❸ *The crystal and China (chipped/cracked?)*
- ❹ *Sharp knives accessible to children*
- ❺ *The hot food on the table*
- ❻ *and The passing of plates*





About the living room



-  *It's the most decorated room in the house.*
-  *There may be fireplaces, so keep the kids away from them.*
-  *There are usually utensils of some kind there.*
-  *There are matches used to light the candles.*
-  *The holiday rugs are out. Make sure they are secure.*



Some advice about the tree

❶ *The placement of a tree (real or artificial) inside the room is very important. Don't block exits or put too close to radiator.*



❷ *Keep your live tree fresh. Water it regularly.*

❸ *Secure the tree from tipping over. Keep away from whatever traffic is in the room.*

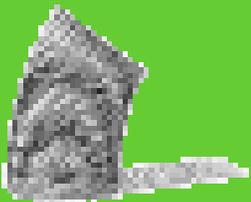
❹ *Decorate the tree safely, keep the breakable ornaments away from children.*



The stairways



- *Make sure everything is tightly secured.*
- *Make sure the handrails are functional, especially for the elderly, the physically challenged, and the children.*
- *Make sure the steps are clear of all toys and other loose objects.*



The Christmas wreaths



- They are made of various materials.
- They may have items on the that are choking hazards for children.
- They are toxic to all children and pets.
- Check the flammability of your wreaths.



The pets that live in Your house



- Your pets may be fascinated by the decorations.
- They love hanging strings, cords, sashes, etc the best.
- Flashing lights are another biggy.
- They also love tree decorations such as doves, angels, anything shiny, etc.
- They are fascinated by the candles too, so keep those out of their reach.



Pets as gifts



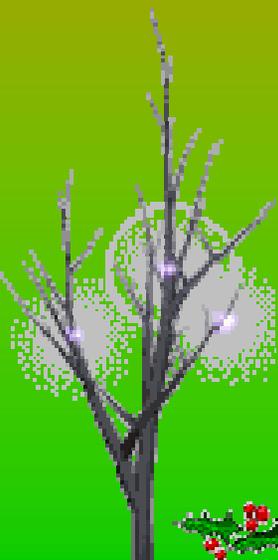
- *Puppies and kittens require a lot of attention.*
- *They are easily excited bout activities in the house.*
- *They aren't always accustomed to children.*
- *They might be the major party animal, in a very literal sense.*



The great outdoors



- *Check the types of lights.*
- *Check the extension cords.*
- *Check the electrical wires to ensure they are designed for use outdoors.*
- *Check the equipment needed for setting up decorations. Do NOT use metal ladders for lights.*





The great outdoors



The great outdoors (continued)

- *Be careful of the placement of the wires, especially around doors, walkways, and driveways.*
- *Watch for the animals, children, and the mailman.*



Thank you for your time

