

# Home Holiday Safety Checklist

## CHRISTMAS TREES:

- BEFORE purchasing, check for freshness to minimize fire hazard of dry needles.
- BEFORE mounting a tree in the house, cut base so it can absorb water.
- Place tree away from fireplaces and other heat sources.

## DECORATIONS:

- Lights that are Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) approved.
- Check lights for frayed wires, loose plugs and broken plugs.
- Do not run electrical cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.
- Turn lights off before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Place lighted candles away from combustible material.
- Extinguish all lighted candles before leaving the room or going to bed.

## TOYS:

- Ensure toys are appropriate for child's age (not buttons, etc. for toddlers).
- Do not purchase infant toys that contain ropes or cords.
- Ensure toys are large enough not fit in a child's mouth.

## FIRE and CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY:

- Be sure all family members know and practice fire exit drills in the home (EDITH).
- Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors monthly.
- Be sure chimney and fireplaces have been inspected and cleaned.
- Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.
- Do not overload electrical outlets.
- Do not leave a stove unattended.
- Follow manufacturer recommendations for kerosene and propane heaters.

## PARTY SAFETY:

- Be sure rides are provided for intoxicated guests.
- Provide non-alcoholic beverages.
- Provide large ashtrays for smokers to put ashes and discarded cigarettes.
- Be sure smoking materials are extinguished before tossing into trash container.

## LADDER SAFETY:

- Inspect ladders for loose or missing screws, hinges, bolts and nuts.
- Be sure ladders extend at least three feet past the edge of the roof.
- Non-metal ladders should be used around electricity.