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Holiday Decorating Safety



Safety Tips For Your Holiday Decorating

Candles - Never leave lit candles unattended. And be careful not to leave them near things that can easily catch fire - such as curtains, table skirts, etc. Also never leave them where pets or small children can reach them, or knock them over.

Cords - Check your lighting and electrical cords. Make sure they aren't frayed or broken.

Lights - Turn holiday lights off when going to bed or leaving for an extended time.

Tree - If you have an artificial tree, make sure it's fire resistant. Even if it is, place it far away from fireplaces and heaters.



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Ladders - Be careful using ladders to hang high decorations. Have someone with you in case you need help.

Old Decorations - Check older decorations for lead.

Small Children - Keep small children away from anything they can put in their mouths - tinsel, small hanging ornaments, lights, wrapping, etc. Also be mindful of decorations that are breakable or have sharp edges small children can cut themselves on.

Plants - Remember, many Christmas plants are poisonous when eaten - for people as well as pets. Some common ones are: mistletoe berries, Jerusalem cherry, holly berry, and poinsettias.

Outdoor Lighting - Use cords and lights that are designed for outdoor use.

Have fun, be careful!

Read More: redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/10-ways-to-stay-safe-while-decorating-for-the-holidays.html, healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/Holiday-Decorations-Safety-Tips.aspx, firstenergycorp.com/help/safety/using-electricity/holiday-decorating.html

What does the Poinsettia have to do with **Christmas?**



One interpretation of the plant is as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem, the heavenly body that led the three magi, or wise men, to the place where Christ was born. A Mexican legend tells of a girl who could only offer weeds as a gift to Jesus on Christmas Eve. When she brought the weeds into a church, they blossomed into the beautiful red plants we know as

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