

HOLIDAY DECORATION REMINDERS



- Use UL-approved lighting strands
- Use only artificial, fire-retardant trees if decorating trees with lights
- Replace burned out bulbs right away with the correct wattage bulbs
- Check all lighting strands for cracked cords, frayed ends or loose connections
- Keep lighting strands somewhat taught to help minimize strangulation hazards
- Use only exterior rated light strands for outdoor lighting
- Use a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) electrical outlet where water is present, or if using lights outside
- Use insulated hooks and NOT metal tacks, nails or screws to hang lights
- Unplug ALL lighting strands when leaving an area unattended
- Use an approved fiberglass or wooden ladder when hanging light strands; NEVER use a chair or table to reach heights
- Ensure artwork or materials that hang from the ceiling are NOT near lighting fixtures or DO NOT come in contact with combustible materials and/or furniture
- Hang artwork on walls following the NFPA standards (NFPA 101 Life Safety Code): "You may cover up to 20% of the wall area for a non-sprinkled building; up to 50% of the wall area for a sprinkled building"



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