



**Each year fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage.**

**The holidays are a special time for friends and family. Baking, decorating and shopping all blend to make the season happy and bright.**



**Decorative lighting should be labeled with the UL seal of approval from the Underwriters Laboratories.**

**A joyous and safe holiday season is possible with a little thought and planning.**

#### **SAFETY CHECKLIST:**

- ✓ Deck your halls with nonflammable or flame retardant decorations.
- ✓ Choose a tree with needles that are fresh, green and hard to pull off the branch.
- ✓ Place space heaters at least 3 feet from curtains, papers, furniture and other flammable materials.
- ✓ A large, sturdy tree stand is essential so children cannot pull the tree down.
- ✓ Do not leave the kitchen while cooking.
- ✓ Check electric lights for frayed wires, broken or cracked sockets and excessive wear.
- ✓ Keep hot foods and liquids away from the table or counter's edge.
- ✓ Choose age-appropriate toys as indicated by safety labels.
- ✓ Never leave a burning candle unattended.

*Safe Kids Springfield is helping to reduce injuries to children in the Ozarks by providing educational programs for families, advocating for child safety laws, and conducting public awareness campaigns.*

**For more information about holiday safety, contact Safe Kids Springfield at (417) 820-6671.**

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