

Holiday Safety

The winter holidays bring joy, festivities, and good cheer. Unfortunately, they can also bring falls, burglaries, and a bad end to the year. In the midst of celebrations, it is important to remember some important safety tips while at work and at home.

Office Decorating

- **Snuff out fires.** Do not use candles or open flames. Be sure that decorations aren't blocking fire exits. Change smoke detector batteries if needed.
- **No frayed wires.** Use extension cords with caution. Make sure wires are not exposed and that plugged-in devices do not exceed the maximum wattage.
- **Put plants higher.** Keep poinsettias away from children and animals. While beautiful to look at, they can be poisonous if ingested.

Vehicle Safety

- **Be cautious in the dark.** Park under a streetlight if possible and have your keys ready. Go to cars in groups and carry a fully charged cell-phone.
- **Be careful when you park.** Many automobile accidents occur in the parking lot and the increased holiday traffic raises the risk even more.
- **Before you embark...** Holiday travel can be dangerous if you run into inclement weather or take a wrong turn. Let others know where you are going, your travel route, and departure and arrival times.

Employers should also remember that the holidays can be a stressful time for employees, between the rush to wrap up the year's projects at work, the extra financial burden of buying gifts for everyone, and the anxiety of dealing with family members they would rather avoid.

For more holiday safety tips, please visit the National Safety Council's website at www.nsc.org/library/facts/holseasn.htm



**TAKE SAFETY
PERSONALLY.**

**MAKE IT PART
OF YOUR DAILY
ROUTINE.**

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