

CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN



CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY SEASON HOME SAFETY TIPS

Here are a few safety suggestions to consider while decorating your home during the Christmas and Holiday Season.

- Avoid the excessive use of plug-ins or extension cords in just one socket. When setting up your decorations, keep the positions of the sockets in mind, as well as their number, in order to avoid using extension cords.
- If you must use extension cords, use those that are equipped with an internal fuse.
- Do not use more than eight sockets on the same circuit.
- Do not put too many lights on the tree, as it can heat it up.
- If you are using a real tree, make sure the tree is watered frequently to minimize decay.
- Look over the lights and change those that are defective before you put them up.
- Do not use items such as decorative lights near combustible materials, such as paper, cloth, curtains, etc.
- Do not let young children play with or near electrical cords or plug-ins.
- Keep pets away from electrical decorations and their cords.
- It is a good idea to have a switch or a key that will allow you to turn off various electrical decorations at once. Turn off all electrical decorations, and unplug them before you go to bed.

Need more information? Please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 772-871-5303.
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