



### **Don't Let Ho, Ho, Ho Become Oh-Oh**

Here are a few tips to make your holiday season a safe one:

- Never use lighted candles near trees, curtains, or near any potentially flammable item.
- Cut two inches off the trunk and put the tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water.
- If you use an artificial tree, choose one that is tested and labeled as fire resistant.
- Stand your tree away from fireplaces and other heat sources. Make sure it doesn't block foot traffic or doorways.
- Avoid placing breakable ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower branches where small children or pets can reach them.
- Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights only outdoors. Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, and loose connections. Replace or repair damaged light sets.
- Use no more than three light sets on any single extension cord. Extension cords should be placed against walls to avoid tripping hazards, but not under rugs, around furniture legs or across doorways.
- Turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house. Unplug extension cords when not in use.
- When hanging outdoor lights, keep electrical connectors off the ground and away from metal rain gutters.