

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

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HOLIDAY SAFETY

The holiday season is an opportunity to spend joyful times with family and friends. Times like these are few and far between. It is a busy season and can be not only rewarding, but also stressful because of the many demands placed on us. Certainly no one wants to have a fire or an accident, and no one wants to add pain and loss to the holiday season.

As you travel both near and far, keep the following roadway safety tips in mind. Don't let the confusion of last minute shopping, crowded streets, and decorations distract you from your driving. Slow down! Rainy or snowy weather means driving will be more dangerous and your vision may be obstructed. Adjust your driving to the road conditions. Buckle up! The driver and **all passengers** should wear seat belts. Unfortunately, other drivers may not be as aware and as safety-conscious as you are. Drive defensively and obey the posted speed limits. The party won't be as fun if you never arrive! Finally, don't drink and drive — ride with a designated driver or call a taxi.

As you prepare for the holidays, keep the following decorating safety tips in mind. Plug outdoor lights only into outlets designed for outdoor use which are protected by ground-fault circuit interrupters. Avoid overloading electrical outlets and extension cords. If the fuse won't take it, it's too much of a load. Never run a cord under a rug. Never use frayed or damaged strings of lights. Keep decorations out of the reach of small children and away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, lights, and heaters. If you decorate with a natural Christmas tree make sure the trunk is freshly cut so the tree will take up water. Dry needles on the tree burn fast. Supply plenty of water — a tree can use up to three cups per day! Trees tip easily, especially when playful children or pets are around. Use a broad, sturdy tree stand that is large enough for your tree.

As you enjoy the holiday season, keep these household safety tips in mind. Check to make sure your smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers are in place and in good working condition. Store household chemicals, cleaning solutions, paints, and thinners securely where children can't get to them. Keep walkways and steps free of snow and ice. Throw out holiday wrappings promptly to reduce fire hazards. Never allow children or pets to play with plastic bags, bubble wrap, or small toys.

The holidays provide many opportunities to share happiness, pleasure, and values with family and friends. Take the time to make this a **safe** holiday season by following these safety precautions and sharing them with your family and friends.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Season's Greetings and best wishes
for a safe and prosperous New Year!**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____