



A SAFE CHRISTMAS MAKES

A Happy New Year !

Christmas and New Year celebrations is a happy time for most people and yet it is sometimes marred by tragedy

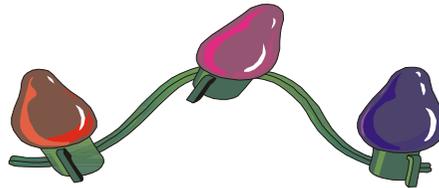
Accidents often occur during the festive season especially when there is extra work to do and often extra people in the house. However if you can do a little advanced planning you can help to make sure that all your family are happy and safe at Christmas.



Well before Christmas Consider the following points.

The Lights and Tree Decorations.

Make sure that the lights have no bare wires and that the flex will reach the socket without strain. If using an extension both the lights and the plug should have a 3 amp fuse and a RCD particularly with external lights that ideally need to be low voltage.



It's a good idea to buy new bulbs to replace any useless or damaged ones and discard any damaged tree decorations.

Plugs and correct Size Fuses

All new electrical appliances and toys which run on mains electricity need a plug and fuse, therefore, remember to buy these when you buy presents, which are electrical. Electricity can **kill** and unfortunately some people tempt this by doing dangerous actions e.g. wiring two flexes into one plug.



Planning the Position of the Tree

Place it where it cannot be knocked over or pulled over by children. It should not be near a fire or sources of heat or blocking where people walk.



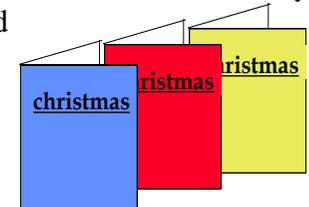
The Decorations.

Keep them away from lights and lampshades. Heat from lights can set paper or plastic decorations on fire. Advanced planning can help to avoid falls. A stepladder is safe and useful when you want to pin up decorations, holly or mistletoe.



The Christmas Cards

Putting Christmas cards on string or a card tree keeps them out of the way. Standing cards on the fireplace or heater or where they could be a fire hazard is a great danger.



On Christmas Morning

A few extra preparations can be taken. Here are some points to bear in mind.

Read Instruction Leaflets

Read these carefully as they will help you understand how to use the new item. Afterwards remember to put the instruction leaflet in a safe place.



Encourage the Family to Play Sensibly

Place the train or similar layouts away from the main access to the room and if you can, provide a small table for model making games or similar activities. **Young Children May be at Risk** they may get hold of toys and other items which are unsuitable for them.



Reduce the Risk of Fire

There are extra fire hazards around Christmas and over the following few days, wrapping paper and party poppers to name just a few. Clear away used paper and packaging as soon as possible into the dustbin. Are there sufficient ashtrays for smokers? or simply don't smoke. Fit a Smoke detector and purchase a fire extinguisher or fire blanket.



Keep Work Surfaces Clear From Clutter.

This will help to avoid accidents when you are cooking or preparing food.. Candles frequently set fire to table decorations when they burn low.



Extinguish Candles Before Leaving the Table

Alcohol Dangers

Beer, wine and spirits should be kept out of children's reach. Alcohol can be a poison to children who can drink large quantities without being put off by taste. Remember :-



' Do Not Drink and Drive '

Take Extra Care

This Christmas

And Have

A Happy,

Safe New Year

