Environmental Health and Safety

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Holiday Light Safety

Though beautiful, holiday lights can pose a fire and safety hazard if not handled properly. To help protect you and those around you this season, keep these safety tips in mind.



Electrical Safety

- Don't connect more than 3 light strands together.
- Never run extension cords through water.
- Check for broken lights and frayed wires before use.
- When hanging outdoors, be sure your lights are approved for outside-use (UL or ETL).
- Do not use staples, nails or tacks, they can pierce wires and cause an electrical short.



Ladder Safety

- Always have someone work with you.
- Check for wear and tear on the ladder. Do not use if in disrepair.
- Secure the ladder.
- Space the base of the ladder one foot away from the wall per every four feet up that it reaches.
- Do not lean outside the rails of the ladder.

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