



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS & DOOR DECORATIONS

AS YOU BEGIN TO ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE FIRESAFETY GUIDELINES TO ASSURE A FIRE SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON:

1. State Regulations prohibit the use of natural cut Christmas trees in Board and Care occupancies (group homes with 4 residents or more) and Health Care Occupancies *(ref. CSFSC Part V-10.15). However, balled trees are allowed in these occupancies.
2. Artificial metal trees should have only indirect lighting due to the potential shock hazard.
3. Non-metallic flame retardant approved trees may be directly lighted.
4. Decorations shall be so located as to not impede nor obstruct any stairs, doorways or means of egress.
5. Locate any tree and all decorations a safe distance from all sources of heat.
6. No combustible or flammable materials shall be used for interior decorations. This includes, but is not limited to evergreen branches, paper or fabrics, etc.
7. Candles or open flame shall not be used in a Board and Care or Health Care, and should be discouraged in other occupancies.
8. All sources of temporary wiring (decorative lights), shall be tested and listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (i.e. U.L.).
9. All exterior electrical outlets utilized shall be "ground fault" protected.
10. No wiring shall be permitted to pass through doors or windows, under rugs or exposed in any manner to injury by wear, tear and/or chaffing.
11. All sources of illumination should be turned off at night or when the building is unoccupied.
12. Staff MUST consider their individual occupants, applying discretion and common sense regarding amounts, types and locations of decorations in the interest of client safety.
13. Your Local Fire Marshal and Southbury Training School Fire Department are always available for consultation and questions. Find out if it is approved BEFORE you put it up!
14. All staff should assure that building EXITS (doorways, door swings, fire escapes, etc.) are kept clear of snow and ice during storms.

THE STS FIRE DEPARTMENT WISHES EVERYONE A SAFE AND JOYOUS
HOLIDAY SEASON !

