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## HOLIDAY SAFETY

The Holiday Season is a time for fun, family, thanksgiving, and happiness. During this joyous time, however, it is important that we understand that carelessness still leads to the same consequences as it does every other time of the year. This year, keep you and your family safe by taking simple precautions and being conscious and aware of your surroundings – it could mean the difference between life and death.

**Electrical** dangers are especially common this time of year. Overloading circuits when putting up Christmas lights and on the Christmas tree can lead to electrical fires. Remember that extension cords merely provide a way of loading more devices on an already overloaded circuit. Check your cords and lights to be sure that they are in good shape and are not damaged in any way. If you have a live Christmas tree, be sure to keep enough water in the stand – dry needles are ample fuel for a **fire**. Be sure that your fire extinguisher is handy and in working condition. Take care to keep extra cords out of the way to prevent a tripping hazard. Also be careful of **falling** off the roof and stepladders when putting up lights and doing other decorating.

It is also important to take extra precautions when **driving** at this time of the year. There are more people on the roads, the roads may be icy or slick depending on where you live and people are on the roads that have been drinking. If you have been drinking, do not drive! You may not be able to control others' driving, but you can make an effort to be conscious of those around you. If you drive defensively, you may be able to avoid a collision. Additionally, always wear your seat belt, even when you are traveling just a short distance. More accidents happen to people within five miles of their homes than any other distance. Be sure to leave a safe distance between you and the person driving in front of you. Do not text while driving; any distraction caused by a phone can be dangerous.

Finally, take appropriate measures to prepare your home for family and friends. You may need to "kid-proof" your house and keep walkways clean and clear. With all the cooking that is sure to take place, take care to prevent scalds and burns. Heeding these warnings can help to ensure that your holiday season is one of joy and happiness. We at Courage Safety Systems wish you a wonderful holiday and a safe and happy new year.

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