

# DO YOUR PART! BE SAFETY SMART®

## THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

### PINING FOR TREE SAFETY IDEAS

#### 1. GATHER 'YEE ROUND THE WELL-WATERED TREE

Place your tree in a sturdy stand and keep filled with warm water at all times. Trees with dry needles can pose a potential fire hazard to you and your family.

#### 2. NICE AND GREEN? THAT TREE IS KEEN.

Buying live trees, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, its needles are hard to pull from branches, and its needles do not break when bent between your fingers. The bottom of a fresh tree is sticky with resin and, when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.

#### 3. NO DOORWAYS OR HEAT SHALL THIS TREE EVER MEET

Setting up a tree at home, place it away from heat sources, such as fireplaces, vents, and radiators. Because heated rooms rapidly dry out live trees, be sure to monitor water levels daily and keep the tree stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic, and do not block doorways with the tree.

#### 4. BE AN ANGEL, CHECK THE LABEL

Buying an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean that the tree will not catch fire, it does indicate that the tree is more resistant to catching fire.

#### 5. HELP SMALL HANDS UNDERSTAND

Decorating a tree in homes with small children, take special care to avoid sharp, weighted, or breakable decorations. Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children who could swallow or inhale small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them.

