Every holiday season, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treat over 12,000 people for injuries related to:

- Fires from trees ignited by overloaded or damaged lights
- Falls from chairs & ladders when hanging decorations
- Burns from cooking, candles, or other open flames
- Cuts from scissors or other cooking utensils
- Shocks from unsafe electric-powered toys or decorations

To have a safe holiday season:

- Keep fresh cut trees properly watered
- Use flame-resistant, non-combustible artificial trees & decorations
- Do not use decorations with frayed cords, cracked plugs, or bare wires
- Plug outdoor lights & decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs)
- Set up ladders and foot stools properly
- Buy age-appropriate toys & make sure electric toys are UL-approved
- SOS Reps: Post this flyer & complete the Hazard Identification Checklist to identify holiday hazards in your work unit