

## **SAFETY TIPS FOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

Decorating a tree or an object outdoors with electrical lights can add to your festivities this season IF you follow these safety tips:

1. Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the label from an independent testing laboratory.
2. Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.
3. Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
4. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.
5. Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. To hold lights in place, string them through hooks or insulated staples, not nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove them.
6. Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.