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### Christmas Tree Safety Tips

[Download these NFPA safety tips on Christmas trees. \(PDF, 1 MB\)](#)

Each year, fire departments respond to an average of 210 structure fires caused by Christmas trees. Carefully decorating Christmas trees can help make your holidays safer.

#### Picking the tree

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

#### Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1" - 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

#### Lighting the tree

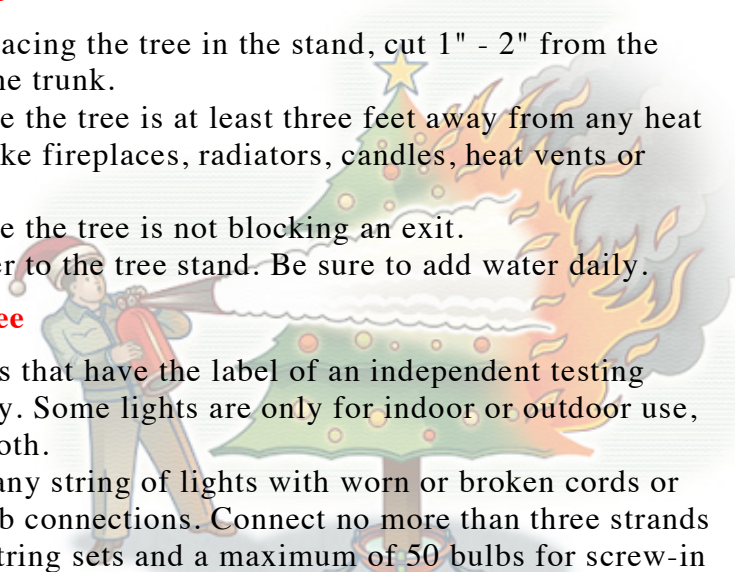
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

#### After Christmas

- Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

#### Dry vs. Wet Christmas Tree Fire – SEE BELOW URL

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/holidays/christmas-tree-fires>



For YOUR REVIEW and CONSIDERATION to minimize mis-understandings

**Title 8 CCR §14300.5. Determination of Work-Relatedness.**

(b) Implementation.

(1) What is the "work environment"?

Work environment is defined as "the establishment and other locations where one or more employees are working or are present as a condition of their employment. The work environment includes not only physical locations, but also the equipment or materials used by the employee during the course of his or her work."

(2) Are there situations where an injury or illness occurs in the work environment and is not considered work-related?

**Yes.** An injury or illness occurring in the work environment that falls under one of the following exceptions is not work-related, and therefore is not recordable:

(A) *At the time of the injury or illness, the employee was present in the work environment as a member of the general public rather than as an employee.*

(B) *The injury or illness involves signs or symptoms that surface at work but result solely from a non-work-related event or exposure that occurs outside the work environment.*

(C) *The injury or illness results solely from voluntary participation in a wellness program or in a medical, fitness, or recreational activity such as blood donation, physical examination, flu shot, exercise class, racquetball, or baseball.*

(D) *The injury or illness is solely the result of an employee eating, drinking, or preparing food or drink for personal consumption (whether bought on the employer's premises or brought in). For example, if the employee is injured by choking on a sandwich while in the employer's establishment, the case would not be considered work-related.*

**Note:** *If the employee is made ill by ingesting food contaminated by workplace contaminants (such as lead), or gets food poisoning from food supplied by the employer, the case would be considered work-related.*

(E) *The injury or illness is solely the result of an employee doing personal tasks (unrelated to their employment) at the establishment outside of the employee's assigned working hours.*

(F) *The injury or illness is solely the result of personal grooming, self-medication for a non-work-related condition, or is intentionally self-inflicted.*

(G) *The injury or illness is caused by a motor vehicle accident and occurs on a company parking lot or company access road while the employee is commuting to or from work.*

(H) *The illness is the common cold or flu (Note: contagious diseases such as tuberculosis, brucellosis, hepatitis A, or plague are considered work-related if the employee is infected at work).*

(I) *The illness is a mental illness. Mental illness will not be considered work-related unless the employee voluntarily provides the employer with an opinion from a physician or other licensed health care professional with appropriate training and experience (psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric nurse practitioner, etc.) stating that the employee has a mental illness that is work-related.*



**Proposed Standard Public Comment Period  
December 2014**

**Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (OSHSB)**

**Electrical Equipment in Hazardous (Classified) Locations**

- **GENERAL INDUSTRY SAFETY ORDERS,  
Sections 5530, 5568, 5572, 5574, 5575 and 5621**
- **ELECTRICAL SAFETY ORDERS,  
Sections 2540.7 AND 2540.8**

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**Effective date:**

**Rulemaking Documents**

- [Notice / informative digest](#)
- [Proposed regulation](#)

**Problems? Yes, there's an EHS App for that....**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Link</b>
Affytrac Mobile By: Affygility Solutions	Allows access to environmental, health and safety information in field. Allows users to view detailed descriptions of their company's EH&S requirements, complete EH&S task assignments and access external regulatory information.	<a href="http://affygility.com/affytrac/environmental-health-safety-mobile-application.html">http://affygility.com/affytrac/environmental-health-safety-mobile-application.html</a>
Breach Report By: Apple	Helps record compliance or procedural breaches on iPhone or iPad when they become known and email report.	<a href="http://itunes.apple.com/ca/artist/risk-management-services/id393275081">http://itunes.apple.com/ca/artist/risk-management-services/id393275081</a>
Cargo Decoder Plus Cargo Decoder Plus Module (Android) By: Strategies In Software	Allows user to learn contents of a truck or tanker beside them on a highway by entering 4-digit number from DOT placard.	<a href="http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/cargo-decoder/id520387030?mt=8&amp;ign-mpt=uo%3D4">http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/cargo-decoder/id520387030?mt=8&amp;ign-mpt=uo%3D4</a>  Android: <a href="http://www.androidzoom.com/android_applications/books_and_reference/cargo-decoder_lkjr.html">http://www.androidzoom.com/android_applications/books_and_reference/cargo-decoder_lkjr.html</a>
ChemAlert By: Risk Management Technologies	Provides access to chemical safety management information, including hazards and GHS classifications, risk and safety phrases, first aid information and recommended personal protective equipment (PPE)	<a href="http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/chemalert/id427935573?mt=8">http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/chemalert/id427935573?mt=8</a>
Dangerous Goods Manual (Android) By: Knorre	Helps user identify hazardous materials (HazMat).	Android: <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=at.knorre.dangerousgoods&amp;hl=en">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=at.knorre.dangerousgoods&amp;hl=en</a>



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EHSQ Reporter By: Nimonik	Allows user to perform audits and inspections in field. User can load up own checklists or use free ones, take photos, videos and notes. Integrates with WikiChecklists.	<a href="http://www.nimonik.ca/products/environmental-health-safety-quality-audit-verification-ipad-iphone/">http://www.nimonik.ca/products/environmental-health-safety-quality-audit-verification-ipad-iphone/</a>
Fatigue Calculator By: MB Solutions (Aust.) Pty	Forecasts likelihood of fatigue over 24-hour period. Based on Prior Sleep Wake Algorithms, it is the only Australian fatigue calculator that is legally and scientifically defensible in court of law.	<a href="http://itunes.apple.com/ca/artist/mb-solutions-aust-pty-ltd/id441748931">http://itunes.apple.com/ca/artist/mb-solutions-aust-pty-ltd/id441748931</a>
Full Industrial First Aid Course Videos By: Redivideos	First aid tips for industrial workplaces.	<a href="http://www.mobiletopsoft.com/blackberry/download-full-industrial-first-aid-course-videos.html">http://www.mobiletopsoft.com/blackberry/download-full-industrial-first-aid-course-videos.html</a>
HT NIOSH Lift Calculator By: Humantech	Calculates risk associated with manual material handling tasks, using NIOSH Lifting Equation.	<a href="http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ht-niosh-lift-calculator/id447112695?mt=8">http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ht-niosh-lift-calculator/id447112695?mt=8</a>
iFirstAid By: Survival Emergency Products	Electronic iPhone version of First Aid Emergency Handbook. Contains first aid information and procedures for common and uncommon situations.	<a href="http://ifirstaid.com/">http://ifirstaid.com/</a>
iJSA By: SafetyCulture Pty	Provides JSA template for conducting workplace risk assessments.	<a href="http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/ijsa/id473190496?mt=8">http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/ijsa/id473190496?mt=8</a>
MHSA Legislation App By: Gorilla	Includes Alberta OHS Act, regulation, farming and ranching exemption regulation, code and code explanation guide.	<a href="http://www.mhsa.ab.ca">www.mhsa.ab.ca</a>
MSDS for Blackberry and for iPhone By: Maerix	Provides information on meaning of symbols on the Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) and WHMIS labels.	<a href="http://appworld.blackberry.com/webstore/content/2690/">http://appworld.blackberry.com/webstore/content/2690/</a> <a href="http://directory.whatsoniphone.com/msds-iphone/">http://directory.whatsoniphone.com/msds-iphone/</a>
PeakWorks Fall Clearance Calculator By: PeakWorks	Allows user to calculate required fall clearance a worker at heights needs based on the selected equipment. Allows user to select type of harness and type of connector being used.	<a href="http://directory.whatsoniphone.com/peakworks-fall-clearance-calculator/#">http://directory.whatsoniphone.com/peakworks-fall-clearance-calculator/#</a>
WHMIS Training Course and Reference By: Redivideos	Features videos that teach Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS). Includes reference section to look up symbols while on job.	<a href="http://appworld.blackberry.com/webstore/content/9524/">http://appworld.blackberry.com/webstore/content/9524/</a>
WISER (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders) By: National Library of Medicine	Provides information for first responders on hazardous substances, emergency resources available, environmental conditions.	<a href="http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wiser-for-iphone-ipod-touch/id375185381">http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wiser-for-iphone-ipod-touch/id375185381</a>
WorkSafeBC OHS Regulation By: Apple	Contains legal requirements that must be met by all workplaces under the inspection jurisdiction of WorkSafeBC.	<a href="http://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/worksafebc-ohs-regulation/id447269458">http://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/worksafebc-ohs-regulation/id447269458</a>
TDG Handbook By: Danatec Educational Services	Provides summary of material in TDG Training Programs. Includes class guide, placarding guide and checklist for reference to TDG requirements.	<a href="http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tdg-handbook/id380176392?mt=8">http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tdg-handbook/id380176392?mt=8</a>

**Please Note:**  
**CHISTMAS IS CANCELLED**

Apparently, YOU told Santa that you have been GOOD this year ...



*He died laughing*