

# **Holiday Safety Tips**

## **Decorate Safely**

- Refrain from covering an excessive amount of the wall space with decorations. Do not cover or hide
  important utility or emergency features such as switches, electrical outlets, breaker panels or other
  important equipment, and windows.
- Avoid hanging items from the ceiling, lights, or fire sprinklers
- Keep hallways and aisles clear of clutter.
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets by plugging electrical strips directly into the wall and not each other.
- When putting up holiday decorations always use a proper step stool or ladder to reach high places. Do not stand on chairs, desk or other furniture. Ask for assistance when needed.
- Avoid using extension cords. If used, use duct tape to prevent a tripping hazard.

## Holiday Party/ Potluck Safety

- Be sure to wash hands before preparing foods.
- Disinfect/ clean utensils, sink and anything else that has come in contact with raw poultry.
- Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw it in the refrigerator, cold water, or in the microwave.
- Use only sharp knives as most injuries occur because of dull blades.
- Use clean food thermometers to cook foods to a safe internal temperature before serving.
- Keep food at appropriate temperatures when transporting or storing for extended periods before the party.

### **Drive Safely**

- Practice defensive driving techniques as other drivers may be in a hurry or rushing.
- Allow extra time to get to your destination. Leave early rather than trying to make-up time on the road.
- Know where you are going before you start driving. Focus on the road and avoid distractions.
- Be prepared for the unexpected. Scan the road and leave plenty of space between you and other drivers.

#### **Secure District Sites During Holiday Closures**

- Check all lighting to ensure all units are working properly. Set lighting timers accordingly.
- Replace or repair worn or damaged hardware on all exterior gates and entry points.
- Conduct a "key" audit to ensure that all outstanding keys are returned to the Key Administrator.
- Contact the alarm monitoring company and if necessary test to ensure all alarms are functioning.
- Ensure that any CCTV cameras are operational and in good working order.
- Install WeTip signage at all entrances Custom posters are available by contacting graphics@wetip.com.

