

# Holiday Decorations

## Holiday Decoration Safety Talk

### Safety during the Holiday Season

Holiday decorations add a joyous and festive mood to the holiday season, but when holiday decorations are not used properly they can turn from festive to fiery in a split second.

Jordan School District would like everyone to follow a few safety tips when decorating to avoid a tragic holiday and keep everyone safe.



### Holiday Decorating Safety Tips

- Use only artificial decorations that are flame retardant or non-combustible within JSD buildings.
- Do not place decorations in areas where it will obstruct or hinder persons exiting the area in the event of an emergency.
- Do not use candles in JSD buildings.
- All lighted decorations and extension cords shall bear the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) label. Make sure to follow all directions on lighting package and do not overload electrical outlets. As noted on the UL Tag, Lights are to be used on a temporary basis.
- Inspect all lights, light cords and extension cords before using and replace any frayed or damaged cords and/or worn sets of lights or those with loose connections.
- Always unplug lights before leaving an area or going home.
- Keep all decorations and displays away from ignition sources such as electrical panels, heating services or anything that may produce an open flame or high heat.
- Maintain an 18" clearance between sprinkler heads and decorations.
- No decorations or lights may be attached or hung across ceilings, from sprinkler heads, sprinkler system piping, smoke detectors or heat detectors.
- Decorations cannot obstruct access to or visibility of exits, exit signs, fire alarm pull stations, alarm panels or fire extinguishers.
- Decorations cannot cover greater than five percent of a wall area or one article cannot cover greater than three percent of a wall area.
- Decorations must be affixed or mounted in such a way as to prevent damage to doors, ceilings, walls or floors.
- These are some tips to follow to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable holiday.