

A photograph of a snowy forest at night. The trees are covered in snow, and the ground is also covered. In the center-right, a Christmas tree is lit up with many colorful lights (red, green, blue, yellow). The overall scene is dark with a blue tint, suggesting a night setting.

*Wishing you a safe holiday season
and a healthy and prosperous new year!*

Merry Christmas

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Holiday safety tips

To keep you and your family safe this holiday season, we have provided a list of safety tips below. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

1. Any string of lights with worn, frayed, or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.
2. Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
3. Never leave young children unsupervised.
4. Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and place them well away from tree branches.
5. Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles.
6. Choose a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.
7. When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.
8. Assure the tree is at least three feet (one meter) away from any heat source, and try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances.
9. Do not place the tree where it may block or hinder exits.
10. Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against the house.

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