

Happy Easter...

...to our most valued clients



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Easter is a time to celebrate and relax with family and friends, reminisce over fond memories, and also to create new ones. As the Easter holiday approaches, please remain mindful of safety issues. Below we have listed a few Easter safety suggestions to help keep your family safe while enjoying holiday festivities. We hope you have a wonderful holiday!

⊗ In order to prevent choking, do not give small candies or chocolates to children less than 5 years of age.

⊗ Be sure that Easter toys and dolls (such as bunnies, chicks, etc.) are free of choking hazards. Pieces that can be removed from a doll or toy pose a potential choking danger to small children.

⊗ Decorating eggs is one of the most fun Easter traditions for children. However, remember that eggs can be hazardous and quickly spoil if not refrigerated properly before and after you decorate them. Hard-boiled eggs left out for several hours as part of a hunt or centerpiece should not be eaten.

⊗ When preparing eggs for the hunt, wash hands before and after working with raw eggs, as well as any utensils or dishes used. Do not use eggs that have been cracked or broken.

⊗ If you are going to be outside for long periods for an Easter egg hunt or other outdoor games, remember to apply sunscreen.

⊗ Remember that some kids have nut allergies that are very

serious. Check with parents before offering any chocolate bunnies or other candies that might have nuts. Make sure you read the label of contents, as many chocolates, although said to be "pure chocolate," may have been in contact with nuts or peanuts during their preparation or packaging.

⊗ Make sure to keep dogs away from chocolate. Ingestion could be fatal.

⊗ Set up a boundary for an outdoor Easter egg hunt so kids are not wandering off or into places that aren't safe or supervised.

⊗ Separate age groups so that the large kids are not running off for their eggs and knocking over smaller children. Or enforce a "no running" rule.

⊗ For indoor egg hunts, do not hide eggs near outlets, in hard-to-reach areas, near glass or other breakables, or at dangerous spots.

⊗ Designate only certain rooms of the house for indoor egg hunts so children aren't running around the house unsupervised.

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