

Don't let the holiday season end in tragedy because of irresponsibility on

should be sticky with resin. Once you get the tree home, cut a few inches off the bottom and place it in a stand with water. The tree should be placed away from any heat vents, ducts or fireplaces.

• Christmas lights should be used with

caution as they can cause fire and shock. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, you should check plugs and connectors for loose or missing links - they may expose bare metal conduc-tors. If so, do not use the set. Also check

the sockets. A damaged socket may give a

person a shock. If the prongs on the light set bend, or if there is any bare wire, do not use the set.

 When selecting toys for children, read the labels for safety and age recom-mendations. Make sure toys do not have sharp edges or small parts that might be swallowed. Also make sure the toy is n one piece after the child removes it from the package. Wires, staples and pins may in-jure the child. Return the item if it is not





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