

University of Michigan-Dearborn
Public Safety & Environmental Health
Holiday Decoration Safety Guidelines

As the holiday season approaches, UMD Department of Public Safety & Environmental Health would like to remind everyone in the University of Michigan – Dearborn community of the following guidelines and safety tips regarding proper use of holiday decorations:

- ❖ No real cut trees are to be used as part of an indoor decoration. Real trees may only be used if they are living, potted, maintained in a fresh condition and not allowed to become dry.
- ❖ Vegetation such as leaves, branches, or plant cuttings cannot be used for decorations in University of Michigan - Dearborn buildings.
- ❖ Artificial trees and decorations should be labeled or certified by the manufacturer as being “flame retardant” or “flame resistant.”
- ❖ Decorations should not be arranged so that they obstruct the view of egress to corridors or exits.
- ❖ Decorations may not be hung or suspended from automatic sprinkler system branch lines or pipes.
- ❖ Only UL listed electrical lights and wiring shall be used on trees and other decorations.
- ❖ Electrical lights should not be used on metal artificial trees.
- ❖ Electrical cords must not be laid or taped across floors to avoid creating a tripping hazard.
- ❖ All electrical decorations should be unplugged at the end of each day.
- ❖ Candle-type luminaries will not be used indoors.

Public Safety & Environmental Health would like to wish everyone a safe and fun-filled holiday season. Any questions can be referred to Laura L. Drabczyk, CFI, EHS Manager at 313.593.4914.