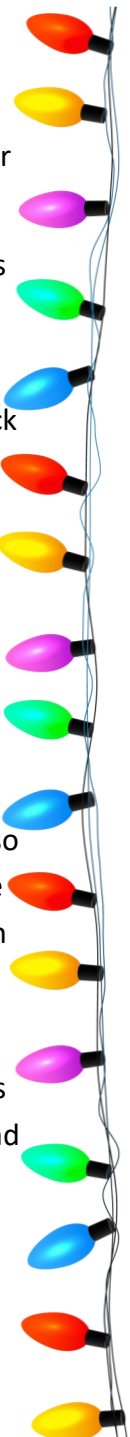
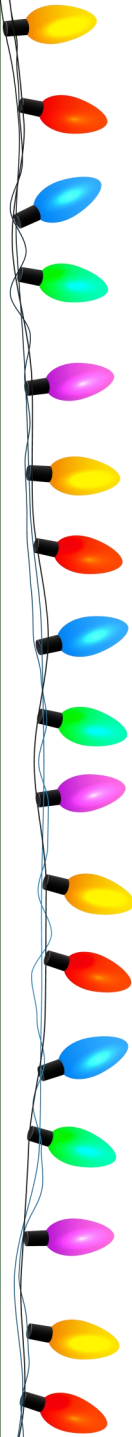


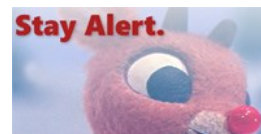


# Deck and Check the Halls with Holiday Safety



1. Keep your tree hydrated! Check the tree stand water every other day. Keep your tree away from fire places, radiators, and other heat sources.
2. Turn off tree lights and decorations when not in use.
3. Beware of overloaded electrical outlets and extension cords, look for fraying cords and bare spots. All which are major fire hazards.
4. Keep holiday plants away from pets as many are poisonous and will make them sick.
5. Don't leave burning candles unattended, or by small children and pets.
6. Check smoke alarms to ensure they are working.
7. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling food to prevent fire.
8. When preparing a meal, wash everything that touches raw meat and reheat leftovers to at least 165 degrees.
9. Keep a cell phone and portable charger with you at all times while traveling in case of an emergency.

9. Keep extra cold weather gear, food, water, warm clothing, a flashlight, an ice scraper, blankets and medications in your vehicle in case of an emergency.
10. If you cannot be home have packages delivered to your work or a neighbor.
11. Keep watch for suspicious people around mailboxes and make sure to check mail daily.
12. Be careful posting on social media. Your friends may be trustworthy, but others may be scouting posts.
13. Make it look like someone is home even when your gone. Put lights on electronic timers.
14. Practice your home fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do when smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms sound in an emergency. Fire moves faster than you!
15. If drinking alcohol during the holidays please drink responsibly in your home and away. Always have a designated sober driver or don't drive.



*Always call 911 in an emergency.*

*We are ready and proud to serve*

*the citizens of Union!*

*May your holidays be merry and safe!*

