Dangers at this Time of Year:

Alcohol is one of the worst.

Prevention:
- Check for proper ventilation.
- Keep a professional appliance clean and inspect regularly.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector.

Precautions:
- Store in a cool, dry place.
- Keep out of reach of children.
- Do not let alcohol be a tempting snack.
- Clean up immediately after parties.

Symptoms:
- Impaired breathing
- Weakness or fainting
- Headache
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Sweating

When toxic is discovered:
- Call Poison Control Center.
- Use caution when handling.
- Provide fresh air.
- Keep at a distance.
- Do not attempt to �clean up� the scene.
- Be careful.

Holiday Routines:
- Measure correctly.
- Use of correct medication.
- Take the highest at night to ensure child is between uses.
- Lock medication up and keep out of the reach of children.
- Store in original containers.
- Read labels before using a medicine.

More medications are in the home at this time.

Carbon Monoxide

With: The Season... For coughs, colds, and the flu!
Pretty Dangers

* Most modern ornaments are non-toxic, but may be a choking hazard. Family heirloom or antique ornaments may contain lead.

* If swallowed, bubble lights may be toxic. Call 1-800-222-1222.

* Kissing under the mistletoe is O.K. Just don’t eat the berries. They are toxic. Call 1-800-222-1222.

* Lamp oils add ambience to your gatherings, but could be deadly. Choking on hydrocarbons can be toxic to the lungs. Call 1-800-222-1222.

* Made of spun glass, angel hair is irritating to the eyes and skin, but is not toxic.

* Artificial snow should be applied in a properly ventilated space to avoid inhaling the fumes. After drying, swallowing a small amount by a curious child is not a problem.

Winter Poison Safety Tips

From the Connecticut Poison Control Center

The Connecticut Poison Control Center is a free and confidential service of the University of Connecticut Health Center. Poison information specialists are available 24-hours-a-day, 7 days a week. Call 1-800-222-1222 if you have a poisoning or questions about poisons. TDD toll free 1-866-218-5372. Call (860) 679-3531 to order educational materials.

Check out our website for more information about poisons http://poisoncontrol.uchc.edu.

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