

King Street Family Resource . . .
Helping to keep Safety at the top of Your family's
Christmas Wish List!

Tree Decorating Safety Tips:

1st- Make sure your tree is secure so it cannot be pulled or knocked over.

2nd- Indoor, CSA certified lights and extension cords. Check for frayed wiring and cracked/ broken bulbs.

3rd-Get hooked on safety! Metal hooks are dangerous for small children and pets. Ribbon makes a much safer hanger- plus it's pretty too!



4th-Ornaments! Put away any that are small, breakable or have small parts for your child's safety. (If they fit inside of a paper towel tube they are a choking hazard!) This is a great excuse to have a fun child-friendly tree with lots of homemade ornaments!

5th- unplug the tree before going to bed and when you are leaving the house. Don't forget to plug outlet safety covers back in!

Please note:

Children, and pets too, love to explore under the tree. Please help keep them safe by Not using:

- Tinsel (choking hazard), Angel hair (spun-glass), fake snow and tree preservatives (both contain chemicals that are harmful if swallowed)
- Keeping gifts containing perfumes, colognes, breakables, and small objects out of reach.

When Decorating Your Home:

- Real Holly and Mistletoe are poisonous & candles are dangerous.
- Garland, lights & cords should be hung out of children's reach.
- Do not put extension cords under rugs or across doorways.
- When making room for the tree, never place furniture in front of a window- children can climb on this and fall through.



Holiday Hustle & Bustle Reminders . . .

- Pick up *all* wrappings and packaging to help prevent possible choking hazards and slips and falls. Tie a knot in the middle of plastic bags.
- Pick up any leftover foods or drinks so children will not be tempted to explore the next day. Planning ahead makes for a less stressful and happier Holiday!
- Additional safety tips and information can be found at www.childsafetylink.ca or by calling 1-866-288-1388

Gifts for Children:

- Make sure gifts match the child's age and ability level (Rings and necklaces and toys with small pieces, long string/cords, are not safe choices for young children)
- Food: please keep in mind food allergies and age-appropriateness (younger children shouldn't be given: popcorn, hard candy or nuts)
- Toys with magnets should be avoided
- Make sure any batteries are secure



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helping to create fond family memories!

Make Homemade Decorations!

A piece of cloth, some felt, paint and glue can make for a beautiful tree skirt or home made place mats! (Table clothes are not recommended with young children as they can be pulled off during a meal creating burns- so homemade place mats are not only a great memory-maker but they are safe too!)

JOY

Spread Some Holiday Cheer!

Take the Family and visit a local Nursing Home, Manor or neighbour.

“Sometimes the gift of a little time can be the best gift of all.”

Peppermint Play Dough!

2 cups flour
1 cup salt
3 teaspoon cream of tartar
Mix together and add in:
1 cup boiling water
3 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 tablespoon peppermint extract

Mix together and knead! Enjoy this way . . . or divide dough in half & add red food coloring to one half. Make play dough candy canes! Let dry and you can use them for tree ornaments!



Children's Christmas Parties!

Christmas parties will be at our Toddle~N~Tumble Playgroups the week of Dec. 12th:

- Monday 10 -12: King Street Centre
- Tuesday 10:30 – 12:00: Sherose Island
- Wednesday 10:30 – 12:00: Lockeport Library!

Weather permitting

If school is cancelled due to weather that day parties are cancelled too.

We also have to offer:

- Baby Groups
- Parent Support Programs
- Free Children's Clothing Exchange
- Breast Pump Lending Program
- Info on Car Seat Safety & Home Safety

Please drop in or give us a call!

Christmas carols and tree decorating!

Put on some Christmas Carols and decorate your child-friendly Christmas Tree!
Don't forget to use pretty ribbon (or dental floss) for hangers instead of metal hooks!

Feed the Reindeer!

On Christmas Eve, when leaving milk and cookies out for Santa don't forget to sprinkle some magic reindeer food or leave out a carrot or two!

Bake some Holiday Treats!

Little ones love to help and show others what they have made!
Don't worry if things do not look perfect just remember . . .
"Everything tastes better when it is made with love."

Letters to Santa!

Santa's Elves & the Postage Bear will collect letters during the Shelburne Parade of Lights! Saturday November 26th at 6:30pm
or you can mail them to Santa at:
Santa Claus, North Pole, Ho Ho Ho
No postage necessary!
Please be sure to Include Child's Name & Return Address

Santa Advent Calendar!

Children can color Santa then mark off each day of December until Christmas!
Children: cross off a number daily, cover with a sticker or glue/tape a cotton ball on to make Santa's beard nice and fluffy!

More fun ideas!

Bundle up and go for a family walk to enjoy all of the lights and displays in your neighbourhood.

Warm up with some Snowman Soup when you get home and cozy up for a Family Movie Night.

Wishing your family a safe & festive Holiday Season
from the staff of King Street Family Resource

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