

SONITROL PRESENTS

Safety Checklist for the Holidays

Christmastime has arrived! Before your business shuts down for the holiday season, make your holiday safety checklist and check it twice! Checking these items will keep you off the naughty list for safety measures as you enjoy the holiday with family.



TELL SOMEONE YOUR PLAN.

No, we don't mean Facebook. Make sure you notify the Sonitrol Monitoring Center that you and your employees are closing up shop and for how long. This keeps us on the lookout for any suspicious activity that may arise while you are out. Additionally, notify your local police department so they can do an occasional drive-by to deter criminals and let you know of anything out of the ordinary.



HOLIDAY SAFETY > HOLIDAY DISPLAY

Before you go nuts decking the halls, think about the materials your decorations are made of. Paper? Plastic? Those can be flammable or at least melt when overheated by too many Christmas lights. Furthermore, don't obstruct customer views of emergency exits or overcrowd areas in the name of holiday cheer. We are all for festive, but keep it safe!



DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR SOCKETS.

December brings a lot of electrical fires due to an overloaded outlet or power strip. With lights twinkling and appliances working overtime, many festive decorators tend to overestimate the capacity of their electrical sockets. Take it easy on the plugs and opt for a few battery-operated decorations. Never use more than one extension cord or power strip per socket.



TIME YOUR DECORATIONS.

In addition to our caution against overloading your sockets, try a few timed sets of lights this season. For one, it eliminates the hassle of switching the lights on and off everyday. Second, you never have to worry about sockets becoming too hot or wasting electricity.



LOCK UP.

This is obvious, but in the hustle and bustle of the season, it's easy to leave the backdoor wide open in a rush to get your vacation started. Make sure you set aside a few extra minutes before closing up to review this checklist and check all doors and windows before closing up for an extended period of time.