

Christmas Safety Poem by Ken Oswald

'Twas weeks before the holidays and time to prepare,
We must be careful and always aware.
All thru the house there's so much to do -
Cooking, shopping and decorating too.

Accountants and Service Reps lined up with care,
In hopes of a springtime soon would be there.
While Operators put every last call to bed,
They had visions of chocolates dancing in their head.

Installers in their boots, and Mechanics in their caps,
Had just settled down for a much-deserved nap.
When out on the cell tower there arose such a clatter,
They sprang from their chairs to see what was the matter.

Away to the window they flew like a flash,
Dropping their munchies and tripping over trash,
The north wind blew the new fallen snow,
Obscuring the visibility way down below,

When, what to all wondering eyes should appear,
But the Safety Committee, announcing, "There's nothing to fear".

With their OSHA Manuals full of guidelines and tips,
They could handle any condition pretty darn quick.

They went straight to work spreading safety cheer
Passing out new Personal Protective Equipment in time for
the New Year,
And safety posters, ergonomic balls and stress relief tips,
too.
With no accident reports, makes Workman's Comp so blue.

Holiday candles add such a festive glow (but never at work),
Just blow them out before you go.
Not watched on a desk or on top of a mantel,
Will assure a fire for a pro to handle.

Light up the night and add color to your tree,
String those lights together, but no more than three.
Use extension cords, but only UL approved for outdoors,

Watch for tripping hazards on the floors.
Steady that ladder; don't work in high wind,
Wear the right shoes and get help from a friend.
Before you are nestled all snug in your bed,
Turn off the space heater and then lay down your head.
Don't dry on the heater your kerchief or cap,
The firefighter may just interrupt your long winters nap.

If your stockings are hung on the mantel with care (away
from the flame),
You can rest assured St Nicholas soon will be there.
Wrapping paper or a dry Christmas tree too,
Will burn too hot for your fireplace flue.

Between you and me, I know it to be so,
The year can be Facilities' best ever show,
Then they packed their bags, giving a smile that was pleasing
Safety is the reason, That puts joy in our season,

And all of you are the best of the best!
So, let's not give vigilance a rest!

So back to the safety office away the Committee did fly,
Speeding through the cold December sky,
But we all heard them exclaim as they drove out of sight,
"Have a VERY SAFE Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Good
Night!"



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NEW YEAR**

Thank you all for a wonderful year!

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