There are multitudes of holidays celebrated from late November to mid-January where families and friends will gather. Oftentimes, these holidays include decorations. Unfortunately, there were an estimated 15,000 injuries seen in emergency rooms during this time due to holiday decorating, which has increased from year to year. An estimated 200 house fires occur during this time as well.

This fact sheet provides general tips about various activities during the winter holiday season and how you could prevent injuries or other incidents.

If you have any questions regarding winter holiday safety or other safety topics, please contact the Environmental Health and Safety Office at 704-687-1111 or EHSoffice@unc.edu. You may also request a service or report a hazard on https://safety.uncc.edu.

**GROUP DISCUSSION TOPICS**

- Does anyone know someone who suffered a house fire during the winter holiday season?
- What are several of the hazards associated with using a deep fryer?
- Why should you follow the above tips associated with food?
- Why do you think people often forget about safety during the holidays?
- What are some holiday hazards not discussed above?