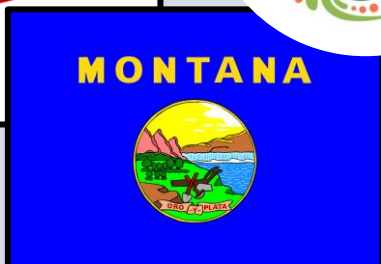
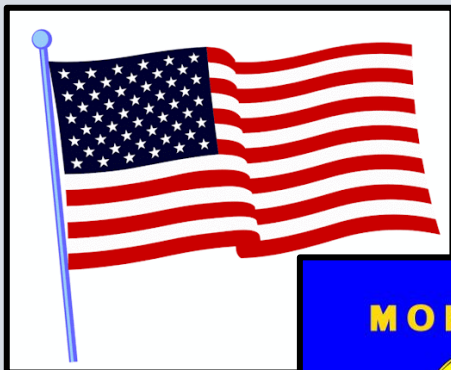


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**Missoula Neighborhood Watch:
*Looking out for each other!***

Missoula Neighborhood Watch focuses on 1) observation and reporting of suspicious activity and 2) training citizens in ways to make their homes and neighborhoods safer.

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Holiday Safety Tips - 1

Lights Check: Ensure all your holiday lights are in good condition. No frayed wires or broken bulbs. LED lights are cool to the touch and more energy-efficient, but good wiring is also required for LEDs.

Candle Caution: If you're into that warm, flickering ambiance from candles, keep them away from flammable items and never leave them unattended. Flameless candles provide the glow without the risk.

Tree Trifles: If you've got a real Christmas tree, keep it watered. A dry tree is a fire hazard. If you've gone artificial, make sure it's labeled fire-resistant.

Decoration Diplomacy: Mind the placement of decorations. Keep breakables away from little hands (and paws) and avoid blocking exits with trees.

Kitchen Karma: In the hubbub of holiday cooking, stay vigilant. Don't leave the stove unattended. Also, make sure your smoke detectors are in working order.

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Holiday Safety Tips - 2

Gift Wrapping Wisdom: Don't let wrapping paper accumulate near heat sources and recycle what you can. Consider using last year's holiday cards as labels for this year's presents.

Electrical Etiquette: Don't overload electrical outlets. Spread the holiday cheer, not sparks.

Pet Precautions: Furry friends can be curious. Keep an eye on them around decorations. Be cautious with plants—some are toxic to pets (see next section).

Home Alone Awareness: If you're jetting off for the holidays, make it look like someone is still home. Timers for lights and a neighbor collecting mail can give the illusion of an occupied house.

Emergency Essentials: Know where your fire extinguishers are, check your smoke detectors, and have a basic first aid kit on hand. Safety is the best ornament on the tree!

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Pet Care – Holiday Plant Toxicity

Poinsettias: These festive plants can irritate a pet's mouth and stomach and may cause mild vomiting or nausea.

Mistletoe: Both American and European mistletoe can be harmful to pets. Ingesting the berries or leaves can lead to stomach upset, cardiovascular problems, and even seizures.

Holly: The bright red berries and leaves of holly plants can be toxic to pets, causing vomiting, diarrhea, and nausea.

Amaryllis: This beautiful flowering plant contains toxins that can cause vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, tremors, and more.

Christmas Cactus: While not as toxic as some other holiday plants, Christmas cactus can still cause mild stomach upset.

Christmas Tree (pine needles): The needles themselves aren't toxic, but if ingested, they can cause stomach upset and irritate your pet's mouth. Also, the water in the tree stand may contain preservatives that can be harmful.

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Holiday Safety – Drive Safe Missoula

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'Let's not Wreck the Holiday'

Tips for:

- **Employees**
- **College Students**
- **Friends & Family**

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