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Safety Alert For Immediate Release

The Electrical Safety Authority Issues A Christmas Safety Alert

TORONTO, ON –The Electrical Safety Authority advises that some of the Christmas decorations that are being sold in Ontario may present electric shock or fire hazards.

To keep your home and family safe the Electrical Safety Authority urges you to check your Christmas decorations, and any you are considering purchasing, to ensure that they have been approved for use in Ontario. Any electrical product or decoration that produces light or generates heat should display an approval marking from an accredited certification organization to verify it is safe to use. Recognized accredited certification organizations include: CSA, cEntela, cETL or Warnock Hersey, cMet, cO-T-L, or cUL.

If you have purchased or noticed unapproved Christmas decorations please contact the Electrical Safety Authority at 1-800-498-4600. For additional information you can visit the Electrical Safety Authority website at www.esainspection.net or call the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations General Inquiry Unit at 1-800-268-1142.

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