

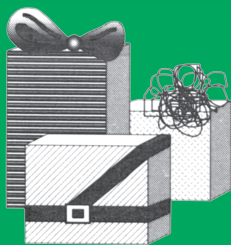
SAFE K:DS

MID-SOUTH

THE FACTS

The holiday season can bring unexpected dangers to children such as from Christmas trees, choking and toy dangers. Practice safety.

For more safety information, visit www.lebonheur.org/safekids



**The Best Gift
is a
Safe Holiday**

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

SAFETY TIPS

- A dry Christmas tree is a fire hazard; choose a fresh one with no shedding needles; water it daily.
- Anchor your tree so children or pets can't pull it over.
- Install smoke alarms on hallway ceilings near bedrooms and on every level of your house; test them monthly.
- Children can choke on popcorn, peanuts, peppermints and other small foods; keep small items out of reach.
- Holly is poisonous if eaten; post the Poison Control number by your telephone; it's 1-800-222-1222.
- Ensure your children do not play with rubber balloons; they are a choking hazard.
- Avoid buying toys with sharp edges and small, removable parts.
- If you're giving your child a tricycle or bicycle, give a helmet, too! Nothing else can do more for your child if he falls or crashes.
- You also need to be careful on the road. People are rushing to shop or visit and may be driving carelessly. Buckle up your child – and yourself – every ride you take. And drive carefully!