

Decorations can be fire hazards

Holiday decorations, especially candles and electrical lighting, can be fire hazards and Safe Kids Kansas reminds parents and caregivers to take a few precautions when decorating for Christmas or other winter festivities.

From 2003 to 2007, fire departments in the U.S. responded to an estimated 15,260 home fires started by candles each year. The top five days for home candle fires were Christmas, Christmas Eve, New Year's Day, Halloween and Dec. 23, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Battery-operated flameless candles are an alternative that does not pose a fire risk.

If you decorate a tree, Safe Kids Kansas recommends:

- Never leave a Christmas tree or other decorative lighting display unattended. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords or outlets and never run an electrical cord under a rug.
- Natural Christmas trees always involve some risk of fire. To minimize this, get a fresh tree and keep it

watered at all times. Do not put the tree within three feet of a fireplace, space heater, radiator or heat vent. LED lights burn cooler than incandescent lights and pose a lower risk of fire.

• Decorate with children in mind. Do not put ornaments that have small parts or metal hook, or look like food or candy, on the lower branches where small children can reach them. Time protruding branches at or below a child's eye level and keep lights out of reach.

• Do not burn Christmas tree branches, treated wood or wrapping in a home fireplace.

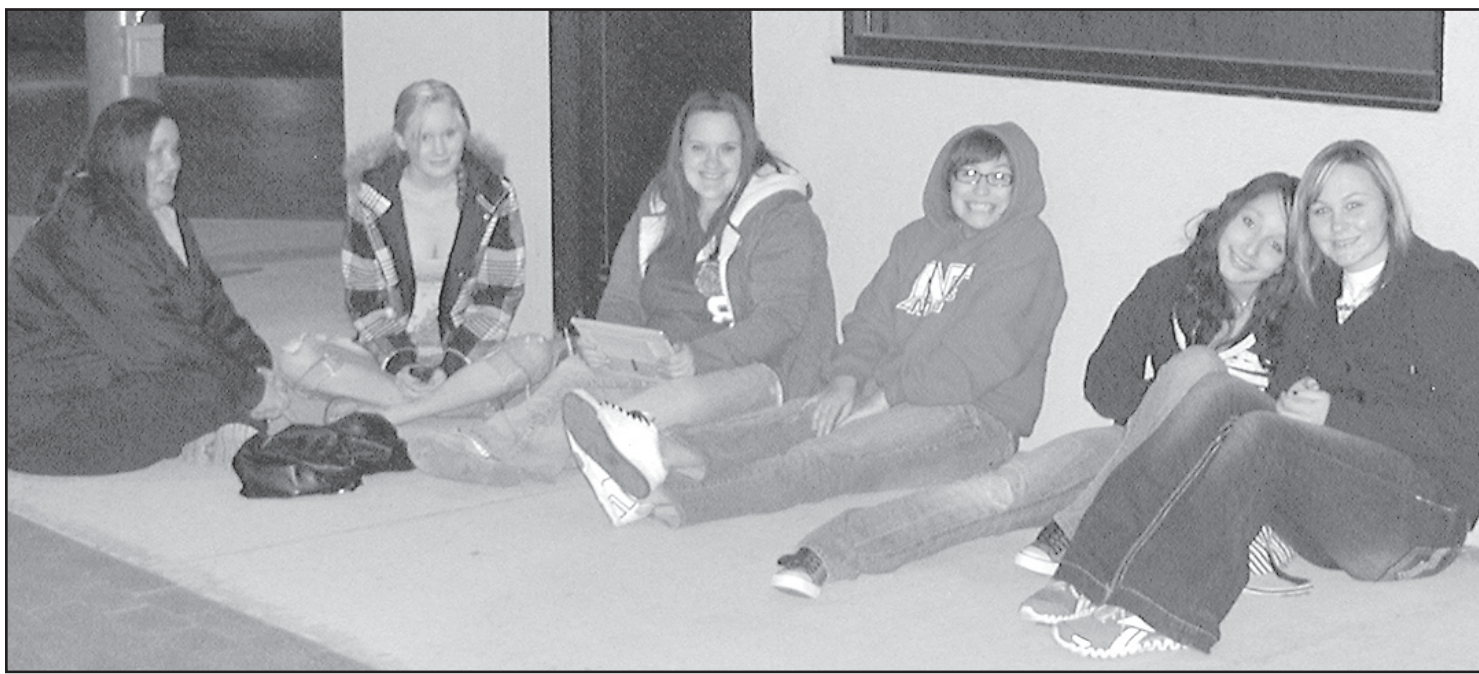
Safe Kids also offers these tips to prevent accidental poisoning:

• Keep alcohol (including baking extracts) out of reach and do not leave alcoholic drinks unattended. Store medications, including those for kids, out of reach.

• Color additives used in fireplace fires are toxic and should be stored out of reach. Artificial snow sprays can be harmful if inhaled.

For information, go to www.usa.safekids.org.

Vampire saga fans



Fans of the "Twilight" movie series were camped outside the front door of The Sherman Theatre on opening night. The movie, "Twilight Sage: Breaking Dawn Part 1" is the fourth film of the

series. The movie has its final showing on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The movie opened on Thursday, Nov. 18 for a three week run.

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Sharon Springs site of training

Master Gardener Training will be in Sharon Springs at the CAB Building on the Wallace County Fair Grounds. It starts Tuesday, Feb. 7, and continues for seven sessions every Tuesday through Tuesday, March 27.

The Extension Master Gardener Program is an educational volunteer training program sponsored by Kansas State Research and Extension. Through this program, individuals are trained and certified in horticulture and related areas. These individuals, in turn, volunteer their

expertise and services to help others through horticulture projects that benefit the community.

Once trained, Extension Master Gardeners provide researched based information to the public on many topics including, water conservation, yard waste management, regional plant adaptability and the environment. The Master Gardeners work with their local extension staff to develop educational programs that meet the horticultural needs of their local citizens. Examples include: community landscape,

beautification projects, school classroom projects and demonstration gardens.

Master Gardeners volunteers are:

- Motivated to share their knowledge and expertise.
- Accessible to other Master Gardeners, horticulture and extension professionals and the public.
- Service-oriented to enhance their communities and the environment.
- Trained by Cooperative Extension in current horticultural

practices.

• Excited about meeting other people who enjoy gardening.

• Research ambassadors who provide cutting-edge horticultural information to consumers.

Anyone with an interest in horticulture can apply. If you are interested, please contact the Sunflower Extension District at 890-4880 for an application form. Information is also online at www.sunflower.ksu.edu. An enrollment fee of \$90 covers the cost of all educational materials.

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- Hollywood agent Swifty
- Freeway access
- Converse on the Web
- Whirlpool Corporation brand
- New York stage award
- Heavenly headwear
- Desktop publishers' selections
- Figures at a gangland summit
- Tree of life locale
- Unconventional sort
- Secrete a mike on
- Fontanne's stage partner
- Blue-pencil wielder
- Pollen-bearing organ
- Suffix in nuclear physics
- "Damn Yankees" vamp
- Hammer end
- Golden ___ (seniors)
- Food thickener
- If one's broken, that's often good
- Big name in chemicals
- It's sometimes served primavera
- Declare false
- Radius neighbor
- Concerning, legally speaking
- Suitable for all audiences
- Give an account of
- Fissionable particle
- Airline to Ben-Gurion
- Shipper's supply
- Roddick's org.
- Norwegian metropolis
- Fancy flapjack
- Spot for an angler

DOWN

- Gag response, in entertainment mags
- Love personified
- "Riders of the Purple Sage" novelist Grey
- Start a pot
- Go to the mat, in dialect
- "The Thinker" sculptor
- Scrub, to NASA
- Mary Quant design
- Act the noodge
- Stern reprimand
- "I've ___ up to here!"
- Last Oldsmobile made
- Cartridge filler
- Jab, cross, or hook
- ___ stretch (serve time)
- Duel invitation, maybe
- Forum frock
- Word for Yorick
- Dojo activity
- Jacob, to Esau
- Put on board
- Saperstein of the Basketball Hall of Fame
- Macpherson of "Sirens"
- Gruyère coating
- Negotiations hang-up
- Innsbruck's province
- Doodlebug's prey
- Deal with a computer lockup
- "Cocoon" Oscar winner Don
- Extends one's enlistment
- Dinsmore of children's literature
- Get dark
- More adept
- Chophouse selection
- DDE's alma mater
- Small songbird
- Boardwalk or Park Place payment
- "...baked in ___"
- Source of pressure, perhaps

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