

Savannah's Downtown Neighborhood Association  
Presents the 30th Annual



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## Holiday Tour of Homes

Saturday, December 11th • Noon-4 pm  
Saturday Evening Candlelight Tour • 5-8 pm  
Sunday, December 12th • Noon-4 pm

Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of Savannah's lovely Historic District and holiday tea in an elegant inn. Private residences — as interesting and diverse as their owners — will be open to the public during this special season.

Tickets are \$30 each or \$75 for all three and can be purchased securely online at [www.dnaholidaytour.net](http://www.dnaholidaytour.net)

For more information, please call 912-236-8362



## Experience the Magic of Christmas Safely!

There are many things that spark the Christmas Spirit inside us, such as the arrival of cooler weather, the smell of cookies baking in the oven, and the presence of family. But nothing seems to evoke that spirit quite like holiday decorations.

The unveiling of Christmas lights, wreaths, trees and garland, mark the official start of the holiday season and create a warm and welcoming environment. However, installing decorations can be tedious and sometimes hazardous. Hauling out the boxes, untangling the lights, and hoping everything works when it's all said and done, can be exhausting. Also, safety can be a big issue!

According to the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, 8,700 people per year are treated in emergency rooms for injuries, such as cuts, shock or falls, that are related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. Mark Brien of Christmas Décor offers these special tips to make your holiday a safe one.

### Electrical Safety

- Use good quality lights.
- Inspect all cords for damage to insulation regardless if it is new or used.
- Inspect light strands at the bulb housing area for frayed or broken wires.
- Wear gloves to protect your hands against broken bulbs.
- Never use damaged light or extension cords.
- Never attempt to splice or re-wire holiday lights.
- Test lights and extensions cords only after inspecting.
- Make certain all electrical decorations can be supported by the electrical capacity of your home.
- Inspect electric outlets for damage.

### Ladder Safety

- Ladders should always be in good working order.
- Do not use boxes, bricks or other makeshift devices to increase the height of the ladder.
- Never use a stepladder as a straight ladder.
- Brace all extension ladders properly as recommended. Check the ladder's labels for instructions.
- Prepare the ground surface to be even for all four legs to be on the same solid level ground.
- Do not place ladders on sand or soil that has not been compacted.
- Always face forward on a ladder. Do not turn around and lean your back side on the steps.
- Do not step on paint-can shelf if your ladder is equipped with one. They are not designed for your weight.
- Never stand on the top step or the step just below it. Select a taller ladder if you need to reach higher levels.
- Always move the ladder instead of over-reaching side to side — especially on an extension ladder.
- If possible, always be sure to use side rail stabilizers to help keep the ladder from sliding.