

# Safety Handout

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY – DO'S AND DON'TS

- Use only strings of outdoor lights, spotlights, sockets and extension cords approved by Underwriter's Laboratories (UL). All connections must be made with UL approved electrical boxes or devices.
- Don't use frayed cords! Check wire plugs and sockets for wear and damage. If damaged, either repair or replace.
- Unplug the lights before changing bulbs. Replace burnt out light bulbs
- When stringing lights outside, use a dry wooden ladder and be sure to stay away from overhead electrical power lines.
- If any cord, light set or circuit feels warm to the touch, DISCONNECT IT IMMEDIATELY and check the entire connection for defects.
- Metallic trees or metallic decorations will NOT be allowed. Metallic trees or decorations can become charged with electricity which can result in shock to anyone touching them.
- Lighted candles are NOT allowed.
- Choose holiday decorations and materials that are non-combustible or flame resistant.
- All float materials must be flame retardant.
- Use only wiring and fixtures that are suitable for damp/wet locations.
- Mount all lights and electrical wiring a minimum of 12 inches above the ground.
- Lights over 40 watts must be shielded or protected with a cover.
- Avoid overloading circuits. All electrical to be protected with over-current protection.

## GENERATORS

- Portable generators or compressors used on the float must be securely mounted on a vehicle or other substantial base.
- A minimum of 12 inches clearance must separate any part of the generator or compressor from combustible fabrication material.
- If carried on truck bed, must have fire extinguisher on truck
- Generators/compressors must be equipped with firmly attached exhaust systems that terminate either into a common exhaust serving the vehicle or in the same manner as vehicle exhaust.
- All exhaust must terminate in a fashion that it does not expose float occupants to fumes within an enclosed environment.

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS for FLOATS

- Size
  - Cannot exceed 14' in height
  - Cannot exceed 12' in width
  - No limit in length as long as you can make the corners
    - Florence St and 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

## **“Quick-Check for Fire Extinguishers”**

### Is It Ready To Use ?

Check the gauge. The pressure indicator should be in the green zone. (CO2 extinguishers do not have pressure gauges.)

The extinguisher should have a current inspection tag.

The pin and handle should be secured with a plastic tab seal.

The extinguisher and hose should be free of any visible damage.

