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TO: District Superintendents
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SUBJECT: Christmas Trees at School Sites



With the Christmas season approaching, SISC wants to make sure that school districts are aware of county and state guidelines with respect to the maintenance and decoration of Christmas trees so that children and staff can enjoy a safe, happy Christmas season.

To that end, SISC has adopted the Kern County Fire Department guidelines for Christmas trees as the minimum standard for all SISC II member districts.

In addition to Christmas trees, teachers often decorate their rooms with festive themes for the holiday season. The abundance of paper decorations can present a serious fire hazard. The limitations on decorative materials should be reviewed at this time to help coordinate safety with holiday decorating.

The guidelines for Christmas trees and the limitations for decorative materials can be downloaded from the SISC Risk Management Services web site at <http://sisc.kern.org/safetyandlosscontrol/bulletin.html>

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