

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN SCHOOLS

Many schools celebrate the holidays by decorating various areas of the school building. The Fire and Building Code allow decorative materials to be applied to 20% of the wall area of the classroom and 5% of the walls in the corridors. All materials must be firmly fastened to the wall or bulletin board and attached at each corner. Trees should be artificial, especially if lights are used. Doorways must be kept clear to allow orderly evacuation in case of an emergency.



How many hazards can you spot in this picture?

Answer: There are decorations hanging in the doorway and covering the door.

This is a fire hazard and a potential tripping hazard.

There are also electrical hazards with an extension cord in the doorway and electric wiring with lights in the doorway of both classrooms.

*The work of the fire inspector will never be done with scenarios such as these!*