



CHRISTMAS MYTHS

Myth: You can't throw out sweets at pantos

Realistically, if a panto throws out sweets the chances of someone being seriously hurt is incredibly low. As far as we're concerned, this is a case of 'Oh yes you can!'



Myth: Indoor Christmas lights need a portable appliance test (PAT) every year



Lots of companies waste money in the false belief they need to test their Christmas lights annually, or even don't put them up at all! By following a few sensible precautions, such as checks by the user for obvious signs of damage, every workplace can switch on safely & sparkle!

Myth: Workers are banned from putting up Christmas decorations in the office

Each year we hear of companies banning workers from putting up decorations in offices for 'health & safety' reasons, or requiring work be done by a 'qualified' person. Most organisations including Courtley and local councils manage to put up their decorations, celebrating the spirit of Christmas without a fuss. They sensibly provide staff with suitable step ladders to put up decorations rather than expecting staff to balance on wheelie chairs.



Myth: Carol singers are a health & safety risk

Well-intentioned pieces of advice such as 'don't sing in the road' and 'don't carry large amounts of cash' are not health and safety requirements, they are simple common sense.



Elf N Safety Ruins Christmas

Don't believe everything you read! Our mission is to 'sleigh' the most commonly encountered festive health and safety myths. Yet, the myth we hear most often of all is that 'elf n safety' has ruined Christmas. We hear of events being cancelled, Santa stopped from parading in his sleigh, and festive displays being banned, all blamed on 'Health and Safety' reasons.



Health and safety laws exist to provide safeguards against people being seriously injured or made unwell at work, not to hamper fun activities.

So on that note, we'd like to say to all the festive killjoys: "Bah Humbug" and to everyone else..

Merry Christmas!

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