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### Ventura County Turkey Day Fun Runs

#### Five07 Turkey Day Dash 5k & Zack Zornik Mile

Thurs. Nov. 27th 7am - 10:30am  
Cal Lutheran Univ.  
Thousand Oaks

#### Ojai Family Fund 3 Mile Fun Run Turkey Trot

Thurs. Nov. 27th 8am - 10:30am  
Nordhoff Jr. HS / HS

#### Ventura Turkey Trot 5k

Thurs. Nov. 27th 8am - 10:30am  
Ventura Auto Center  
Ventura

#### Thanksgiving Day 5k in Simi Valley

Thurs. Nov. 27th 8am - 10:30am  
Rancho Simi Valley  
Community Park

## Avoiding Holiday Hazards



The holiday season is right around the corner as we are reminded by all the holiday decorations that are already on display in the stores. While it's the most wonderful time of the year. The holiday season brings us joy as we come together to celebrate with family and friends. But it also provides plenty of opportunity for mishaps and injuries while

decking the halls and prepping for holiday gatherings. Holiday hazards can be found in many places including the kitchens of busy home cooks, in bustling shopping center parking lots, and on the ladder in the front yard where you're hanging the holiday lights.

When preparing to deck the halls or cook up your family's holiday meal? Take these few precautions to help you and your loved ones stay safe. Start with these holiday safety basics:

**Choose age-appropriate toys.** According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, toys lead to thousands of hospital visits each year because the toy itself is unsafe or the child isn't old enough for it. You can use the American Academy of Pediatric guidelines to choose safe toys, and take a good look at them for any hazards before gifting them.

**Don't leave it unattended.** What is the *it* we are talking about? You name it, we mean it! Never leave the kitchen unattended when you're cooking, never leave children unattended in the kitchen, never leave candles unattended, and never leave your lit tree unattended when you go to sleep or leave your house.

**Give your tree a little TLC.** If you use an artificial tree, make sure it's labeled as fire-resistant. If it's a pre-lit tree, inspect the lights carefully for loose connections each year before reusing the tree. If you prefer a real tree, water the tree regularly and keep the area clear of fallen needles, which are a fire hazard.



## Happy Thanksgiving



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### *Avoiding Holiday Hazards (cont.)*

**Keep outside outside and inside inside.** When you're hanging lights, be sure you're using lights intended for that space. Indoor and outdoor lights aren't interchangeable and using them in the wrong space can be dangerous.

**Place your decorations wisely.** Your holiday decor should be kept at least three feet away from heat sources, including fireplaces, air vents, furnaces, space heaters or candles. If an extension cord is needed, never tuck the cord under a rug or furniture, which can be a fire hazard.

**Practice food safety.** Food poisoning is the last gift anyone wants during the holidays, so cook carefully. Wash your hands before, during and after cooking. Keep raw and cooked foods separate, and be sure meat is cooked to a safe temperature. After the meal, stow leftovers quickly.



**Protect the pets too!**

### **Secure your decorations if you have curious pets.**

Christmas trees can pose quite a few potential threats to furry companions. If you are planning to put up a Christmas tree, make sure it is tightly secured so there is no chance it can tip over and hurt any pets.

### **Glass and wired decorations**

You may have more festive décor out this time of year, so be sure to keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

### **Harmful plants for pets**

Both mistletoe and holly can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems if ingested by pets. Many types of lilies that are typically found in holiday bouquets are highly toxic and can cause kidney failure in cats. Poinsettias can also make pets sick with mild to moderate gastrointestinal irritation. So, be sure to keep floral decorations out of paws reach or replace the traditional holiday plant with a faux alternative!

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### **November Quote:**

***"Go with the choice that scares you the most because that's the one that will make you grow."***

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