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**Mistletoe:**
Swallowing the berries can cause vomiting, diarrhea, high blood pressure and convulsions.

**Holiday Trees:**
Evergreens are non-toxic except for the Yew. The leaves and seed pits are toxic.

Preservatives added to the tree stand water, may be toxic to pets.

**Holly Leaves & Berries:**
Swallowing many leaves and crushed pits are poisonous. Eating just a few berries can cause vomiting, cramps, and diarrhea.

**Holiday Tree Ornaments:**
Antique or imported ornaments may have lead-based paint, which could be hazardous if ingested.

**Batteries:**
Small batteries can cause blockages if lodged in the ear, nose, throat, stomach or intestines. Acid burns can occur if batteries open inside the body.

**Angel Hair:**
This tree decoration can cause irritation to skin, eyes, and throat. When handling, wear gloves and avoid contact with eyes to avoid injuries.

**Choking Hazards:** Children under 4 years of age have small airways.

Keep the following away from toddlers:
- Hotdogs
- Grapes
- Nuts
- Hard candy
- Coins
- Marshmallows
- Marbles
- Small balls
- Popcorn
- Chewing Gum
- Toys with small parts
- Button batteries
- Latex balloons

**Medications:**
Make sure visitors put their medications in a locked area where children can’t get them.

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**Poinsettia:**
This plant is not very toxic, but the sap can cause skin irritation.

**Snow Globes:**
The “snow” is non-toxic, however the liquid could be water or chemicals that are extremely toxic. Pets have been poisoned after licking fluid from a broken snow globe.

**Tinsel:** The shiny icicles cause airway or intestinal blockage if eaten by children or pets.

**Bubble Lights:**
These lights contain a poisonous liquid that can be dangerous if the fluid from several lights is swallowed.

**Alcohol:**
Ethanol found in liquor, perfume, mouthwash, or hand sanitizers can be poisonous to children.

Drinking a small amount, can cause a drop-in blood sugar leading to confusion, convulsion or coma.

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