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## December News

Enjoy your break, no AHA December 25-January 1st. At noon today we will switch over to AHA only for the remainder of the 24th. We will reopen at 8am January 2nd. There is a hard close at 5pm today, no building access after 5pm. See you in January.

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### Upcoming RSC Events:

- **Holiday Break - UF Closed (NO AHA) - December 25 - January 1**
- User Advisory Committee Meeting - [ZOOM](#) + NRF115 - Thursday 1/16 at Noon
- Game Night - NRF 115 - Thursday January 16th at **5pm** [RSVP](#)

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- **Ongoing:** New publication? Data collected at the RSC? [Click to tell us!](#)
    - Still writing? Check out our new easy acknowledgement [templates](#).
  - **Ongoing:** [Submit Photos for the Annual Nano Day Image Contest: It's very early but you can submit your image for the 2025 Contest \[HERE\]\(#\)](#)
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## Safety Side Note: 12 Tips for a Safe Holiday

### 1. Decorating Safety:

- Use flame-resistant or flame-retardant decorations.
- Keep candles and open flames away from flammable materials.
- Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, damaged sockets, or loose connections before use.
- Turn off decorative lights when leaving home or going to bed.

### 2. Christmas Tree Safety:

- Choose a fresh, green tree with needles that don't easily fall off.
- Water the tree regularly to prevent it from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.
- Keep the tree away from heat sources, such as fireplaces and radiators.

### **3. Candle Safety:**

- Keep candles on stable surfaces and away from flammable materials.
- Never leave candles unattended and extinguish them before leaving the room.
- Consider using flameless LED candles as a safer alternative.

### **4. Cooking Safety:**

- Never leave cooking unattended, especially when using the stovetop or oven.
- Keep flammable items away from the stove.
- Use a timer to remind you of cooking times and turn off appliances when not in use.

### **5. Travel Safety:**

- If traveling by car, ensure your vehicle is in good condition and has been serviced.
- Buckle up and drive cautiously, especially in adverse weather conditions.
- Avoid distractions while driving, such as texting or talking on the phone.

### **6. Gift Wrapping Safety:**

- Keep wrapping paper, ribbons, and bows away from heat sources.
- Recycle wrapping paper properly to avoid fire hazards.

### **7. Child Safety:**

- Keep small ornaments, batteries, and other small items out of the reach of young children.
- Be cautious with holiday plants such as mistletoe and holly, which can be toxic if ingested.
- Ensure that toys and decorations meet safety standards.

### **8. Weather Preparedness:**

- Dress appropriately for the weather, especially in cold or wet conditions.
- Be cautious of slippery surfaces, especially in icy or wet conditions.
- Have emergency supplies in your car if traveling in adverse weather.

### **9. Alcohol Consumption:**

- If consuming alcohol, do so responsibly and know your limits.
- Arrange for a designated driver or alternative transportation if needed.

### **10. Electrical Safety:**

- Avoid overloading electrical outlets.
- Use extension cords wisely and do not run them under carpets or

rugs.

- Turn off holiday lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

### 11. Package and Shopping Safety:

- Be aware of your surroundings in parking lots and shopping areas.
- Keep packages and valuables out of sight in your car.
- Consider online shopping or shopping during daylight hours.
- Use well-lit and busy ATMs and be cautious of your surroundings when withdrawing money.

### 12. Emergency Preparedness:

- Have emergency contacts readily available.
- Know the location of fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and emergency exits.
- Teach children how to call for help in case of an emergency.



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