

## **Holiday Safety:**

### **Preventing Barn & Home Fires from Decorations & Electrical Overloads**

#### **Key Safety Points:**

- **Proper Lighting Use:** Only use UL-listed lights and decorations rated for outdoor or barn use. Inspect all wires for fraying or damage before installation.
- **Flammable Materials:** Keep decorations away from heat sources such as space heaters, stoves, and exposed electrical outlets. Avoid using live candles in barns.
- **Circuit Safety:** Prevent electrical overloads by distributing lights and decorations across multiple circuits. Use power strips with surge protection and avoid daisy-chaining extension cords.
- **Turn Off When Unattended:** Always turn off holiday lights when leaving the barn or home to prevent overheating and fire hazards. Consider using timers for automatic shutoff.
- **Fire Prevention Measures:** Ensure all exits are clear and fire extinguishers are easily accessible. Regularly test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.