



All the departments throughout the hospital
Liked the holiday season a lot...
But the EOC Committee (it seemed)
For some reason did not!

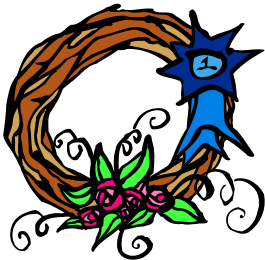


The Committee was nervous
Realizing the holiday season was here,
And let's not forget - regulatory agencies are always near.

While departments are decorating and decking their halls
Putting up trees and wrapping the walls
The Committee knew it was the time to send out the information this year
So, the Committee set up guidelines to which all departments must adhere

All artificial decorations, including wreaths and trees
must be made out of non-combustible materials
And proof of flammability rating we must see

No decorations can be hung or strung from fire sprinklers, ceilings, or lights
All electrical decorations or string lights are just NOT permitted
It is even stated that one cannot be committed



To decorating a large area or space
With wrapping paper used to grace
And cover the walls, deck the columns, wrap desks or floors
And don't even think of covering the Smoke or Fire Barrier Doors



Last but not least all decorations and/or trees
Should not be placed in corridors, landings or near these:
Oxygen valves, circuit boxes, informational signs, areas of EXIT keep free,
From covering as well as the fire extinguishers, blocked they should never be!

Wait! There is one more thing to hold dear.
Our decorations should not interrupt
The quality of patient care
For that is why we are all here.



The moral of the story is the EOC Committee does like the season
But what they do, they do for a reason
Keeping everyone and the building safe
Is a duty this Committee must face.

Have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

