

Christmas Trees—

Effective Fire Safety Needed

The Fire Marshal's Office of the Department of Public Safety suggests the following precautions for effective fire safety in relation to Christmas trees.

Until ready for use, the tree should be stored in a cool place with its base in water.

The tree base should be cut immediately before setting up the tree. This fresh cut helps the tree to absorb water.

The tree should then be placed in a stand which con-

tains water. The water level should be above the cut.

The tree should be kept away from hot air ducts, radiators, the TV set, fireplace and other sources of heat, and where it will not block exits.

Check lighting fixtures for frayed wires, insulation and broken plugs.

As soon as possible after the holiday, the tree should be taken down.