

JANUARY 2020 SAFETY MESSAGE

Welcome to 2020!

That same sequence of numbers represent perfect eyesight and January can be a perfect time to use sharpened vision to look around for safety hazards.

Just like the reading the eye chart you can start your safety exam with the big picture moving down to the smaller details.

As we return from holidays to our work and/or homes, take a fresh look around for safety hazards you might not notice because you pass them by following a routine.

This is the one time of year when you can inspect outside without leaves, brush and insects.

Look outside for things such as hornets nests hanging from branches that can fall. Check for loose flashing or gutters when you are taking in holiday decorations. Check your outside extension cords for wear and tear before you put them away. Did your walkway or driveway develop buckles or dips from all the recent rain and freezing? Does your deck need a good cleaning again to get rid of algae and built up dirt that can be come slick.

This is also a great time of year as we start with our New Year's resolutions to resolve inside hazards. As you put the holiday trimmings away, check for the multiple extension cords that need to be moved to other outlets. Were rugs moved to accommodate holiday events and are now sliding and tripping hazards? Many of us change shoes in the winter going in and out of the house so create an away space for shoes so they are not in pathways.

All of these are examples of little things we may not notice as we go about our daily routines.

For 2020, let us keep our 2020 vision focused on a perfect 2020 safety record.