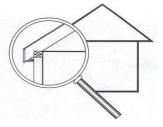


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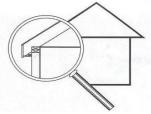
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 - Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
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- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords, or loose bulb connections.
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