



HOME HEATING SAFETY

Half of all home heating fires are reported in December, January and February. Did you know that up to 85% of home fire deaths are caused by space heaters.

Home Heating Safety Tips

- Purchase a space heater that has an automatic shut off
- When using a space heater, place it at least three feet away from anything that is combustible or can burn
- Plug heaters directly into the wall and always unplug them before you go to bed
- Hire a professional to clean and inspect your fireplace, chimney and other pieces of heating equipment in your home annually
- Keep a screen in front of your fireplace to prevent sparks and embers from escaping
- Open the fireplace damper before lighting the fireplace and keep it open until ashes can cool down
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel based space heaters
- Have a 3 foot “kid-free” zone around open fires and space heaters
- Never use your oven to heat your stove
- If using a wood stove, follow the manufacturer’s instructions carefully, including maintenance instructions

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas that can be deadly. Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning – headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, weakness, sleepiness, and confusion. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, get outside to fresh air and call 9-1-1.



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