



HOME HEATING SAFETY

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January and February. Most home heating fire deaths involve space heaters.

The 3 Foot Rule!

Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from the heat.

Chimneys need care!

Get them inspected and cleaned once a year!



- **Candles can start a fire.** Always extinguish candles before leaving the room.
- Kids and pets can inadvertently injure themselves over knock over candles .
- Try alternative, flame-less candles for a safer option.
- Never leave flames, candles or fireplaces, unattended.

Basic Safety Precautions

- Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.

Have a three-foot kid free zone around fire places and space heaters

Keep furniture, curtains and pillows at least 12 inches from baseboard heaters.

All fuel-burning equipment should be vented outside your home.

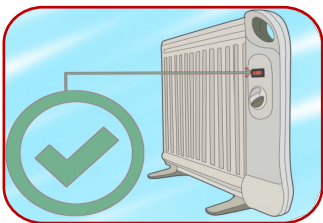
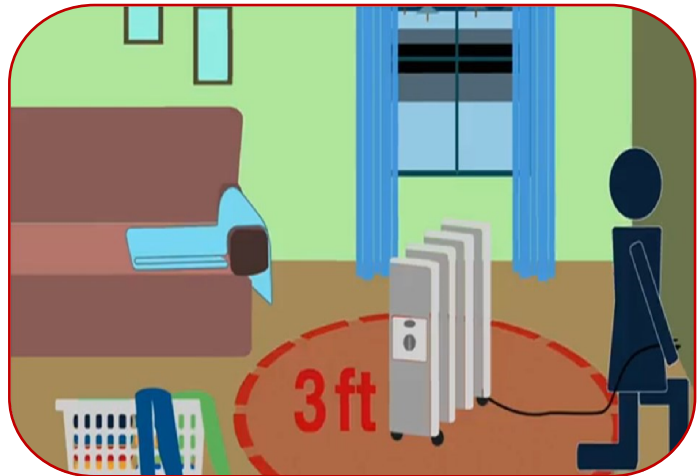
Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a poisonous, odorless gas from burning fuel. CO poisoni can kill you.

Install smoke and CO alarms on every floor, in each bedroom and outside of sleepin areas



Fireplaces, Woodstoves, & Portable Heaters

- Chimneys and heating systems should be inspected, cleaned and repaired each year before use.
 - Always use a sturdy metal fire screen to contain sparks.
 - Keep combustibles at least 3 feet from the fireplace.
- Clean out cooled ashes and place in a metal container.
- Keep portable heaters 3 feet away from combustible items.
 - Always place portable heaters on flat surfaces and plug directly into the wall, not an extension cord.
 - Always turn off the heater when leaving the room or going to sleep.



Choose a portable heater with temperature control and an automatic shut off device.



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