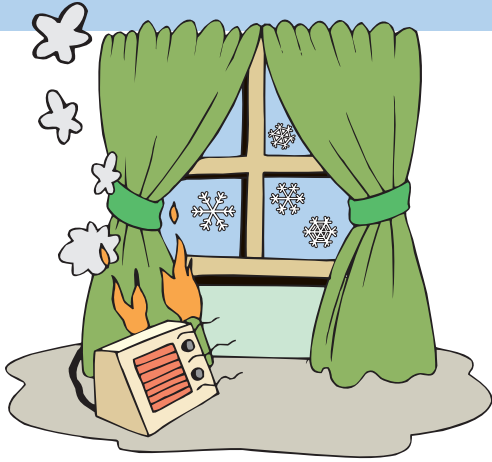


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## Safety Tips for you and your Family



**Did you know that home heating equipment causes more than 60,000 home fires and hundreds of deaths each year?**

### Follow these easy tips to prevent heating fires:

- Have **heating equipment** and **chimneys** cleaned and **inspected** each year.
- Make sure **fuel-burning equipment** is **properly vented** to the outside.
- Keep all vents clear and unobstructed.
- Keep anything that can burn at least **3 feet** from heating equipment.
- Plug electric space heaters into an outlet with sufficient capacity. **Do not use extension cords.**
- Turn off space heaters when leaving the room.
- Fireplaces must have a screen or glass doors to **prevent sparks** from flying into the room.
- Use only dry, seasoned wood in your fireplace or wood stove.
- Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to **cool before disposing** in a metal container.
- Have **smoke alarms** in **each bedroom** & on **each level** of your home.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month.
- Install and maintain **carbon monoxide alarms** to avoid the risk of **carbon monoxide poisoning.**



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