Heating Your Home Safely

The Majority of Home Fires Occur in Winter: Stay Warm and Cozy with 4-Safety

1. Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off, so if it tips over, it shuts off.
2. Never use an oven to heat your home.
3. Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
4. Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks jumping out. Make sure children and pets stay at least 3 feet away.
5. Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
6. Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
7. Seek prompt medical attention if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, or are feeling dizzy, light-headed or nauseous.
8. Plug only 1 heat producing appliance (such as a space heater) in an electrical outlet at a time.
9. Put anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source. This includes fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.
10. Do not run or warm a vehicle inside a garage that is attached to the home, even if the garage door is open.

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