PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY THIS WINTER HEATING SEASON

Over half of all home heating fires occur in December, January, and February. Additionally, **\$2 billion** in property loss occurs from winter home fires.

If you're concerned about fire safety this winter, complete this simple checklist to ensure you have a safe holiday season.



QUICK CHECKS

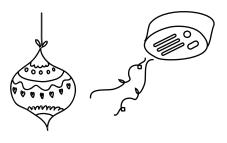
Have you tested your smoke alarms?

- Have you tested your carbon monoxide alarms?
- Have you gotten your furnace professionally inspected?
- Have you gotten your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected?
- Have you checked your appliances for worn or damaged cords?
 - Have you checked your dryer exhaust vent for lint buildup?
 - Do you have a covered metal container ready to dispose of cooled ashes?

TOO HOT TO HANDLE

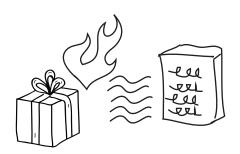
Do your portable space heaters have an automatic shutoff? Is there at least three feet of space between space heaters and

- Do you turn space heaters off overnight or when unattended?
- Are your space heaters plugged directly into an outlet?
- Do your children know to stay 3 feet away from any space heater?
- Do you always use a fire guard in front of a burning fire?



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60% of fire deaths result from fires in homes without working smoke alarms.



30% of residential heating fires occur because the heat source is too close to things that can burn.



Keeping a fire hydrant free of snow can give your local fire department precious minutes when fighting a home fire.



other objects?

If there's a fire hydrant near your home, are you committed to keeping it free of snow?

- Have you made and practiced a fire escape plan?
- Do you have a fire extinguisher handy?
- Do your children know how to dial 911?
- Are your house numbers easily visible?
- Have you packed an emergency supply kit in your home?