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WINTER FIRE SAFETY

Protect Your Home. Protect Your Family. Stay Safe This Winter!

As temperatures drop, the risk of home fires and carbon monoxide emergencies increases. Take a few minutes to review these important safety tips to help keep your family safe this winter.

SPACE HEATER SAFETY



- Keep heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Place on a flat, stable surface.
- Never leave unattended.
- Turn off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Plug directly into a wall outlet.
- Choose models with auto shut-off.
- Keep children and pets away.

SMOKE DETECTORS



- Install alarms in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and on every level.
- Test monthly.
- Replace batteries as needed.
- Replace alarms 10 years old or older.
- Never disable an alarm.
- Consider interconnected alarms.

Working smoke alarms save lives!

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTORS



- Install CO alarms on every level and outside sleeping areas.
- Test regularly.
- Have fuel-burning appliances inspected annually.
- Never run a generator, grill, or vehicle inside your home.
- Keep vents and chimneys clear.

WARNING SIGNS OF CO POISONING:
Headaches, dizziness, nausea, weakness, confusion.

If your CO alarm sounds: Get outside, call 911!

HAVE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN



- Identify two ways out of every room.
- Keep exits clear.
- Choose a safe meeting place outside.
- Practice at least twice a year.
- Teach everyone to call 911.

Get Out. Stay Out. Call 911!

ADDITIONAL WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS



FIREPLACE & WOOD STOVE SAFETY

- Have chimneys inspected annually.
- Keep combustibles 3 ft. away.
- Never burn trash.
- Never leave a fire unattended.



GENERATOR SAFETY

- Operate outdoors, 20+ ft. from your home.
- Never run in a garage.
- Fuel CO before refueling.
- Install CO alarms.



OTHER WINTER TIPS

- Avoid overloading outlets.
- Inspect cords for damage.
- Keep candles away from anything that can burn.
- Keep walkways clear of snow and ice.



COOKING SAFETY

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep flammables away.
- Have a lid nearby for grease fires (no water).
- Turn off appliances when done.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- ✓ Test smoke and CO alarms monthly.
- ✓ Keep a fire extinguisher accessible.
- ✓ Keep your home address visible.
- ✓ Call 911 immediately if you discover a fire or suspect an emergency.

Call 911 in an emergency!

— A few minutes of preparation today can save lives tomorrow. —