Heating Fire Safety Tips

• Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from all heat sources including fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, space heaters or candles.

• Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

• Plug portable heaters directly into wall outlets; don’t use extension cords or power strips.

• Use portable heaters with an automatic shut-off when tipped over.

• Never use an oven to heat your home or apartment.

Did You Know?

Five collegians have died from heating related fires in the last seven years. These fires include the improper use of space heaters, ovens and fireplaces.

Space heaters cause one-third of home heating fires and four out of five home heating fire deaths.

Heating is the second leading cause of all residential building fires following cooking.

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