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Heating



Heating equipment is a leading cause of fires in U.S. homes. Local fire departments responded to an estimated average of 52,050 fires involving heating equipment each year in 2012-2016, accounting for 15% of all reported home fires during this time. These fires resulted in annual losses of 490 civilian deaths, 1,400 civilian injuries, and \$1 billion in direct property damage.

Free resources



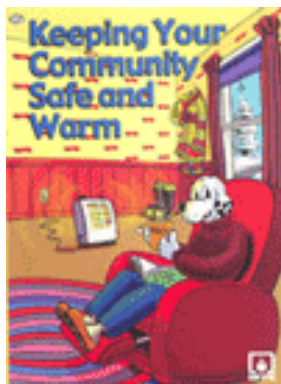
Heating safety tip sheet

With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

Download the tip sheet.

Community toolkit

Use the NFPA's heating safety resources to conduct a heating safety awareness campaign in your community.



See the community tool kit.

Social media messages

Use our sample social media posts on heating safety on your Facebook, Twitter on Instagram account.

- Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January & February. Stay safe: <http://ow.ly/W1LuP>
- Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Please review @NFPA's safety information: <http://ow.ly/W1LuP> #WinterSafety
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3ft from heating equip (furnace, fireplace, wood stove, portable heater) <http://ow.ly/W1LhI>
- Read all of NFPA's heating safety tips & download our free safety tip sheet: <http://ow.ly/W1LuP> #WinterSafety
- With a few simple safety tips & precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jS5xGfRO-Tw>
- In this video, tips are given in American #SignLanguage for staying safe & warm while heating your home. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCtnLC6-JPg>
- Have heating equipment & chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. <http://ow.ly/W266z> #WinterSafety
- Give space heaters space! They account for 4 out of 5 home heating fire deaths: <http://ow.ly/W279j> #WinterSafety
- Everyone's favorite guy, Dan Doofus, teaches us some important safety lessons about heating: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BqR4WNd3IA>
- The @NFPA's easy to read safety tip sheet on heating is available in 9 additional languages! <http://ow.ly/W28mE> #Farsi #Chinese #Arabic

Home Heating Safety



Dan Doofus learns some important safety lessons about home heating.

Heating fire facts

Based on 2012-2016 annual averages:

- Most home heating fire deaths (86%) involved stationary or portable space heaters.
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (27%) was failure to clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- The leading factor contributing to ignition for home heating fire deaths (54%) was heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding.
- Nearly half (48%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.

Source: NFPA's "[Home Fires Involving Heating Equipment](#)" report

Heating Safety Messages in American Sign Language



In this presentation, tips are given in American sign language for staying safe and warm while heating the home.

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