

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Cooking Safety

- Maintain a cooking area that is free of anything that can catch fire like pot holders, towels, plastic, and clothing.
- Have someone stay in the kitchen when there is frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove when cooking.

Electrical Safety

- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
- Keep extension cords clear of doorways and above carpets.
- Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time to prevent overloading.

Heating Safety

- Remove anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Create a three-foot "kidfree zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Annually, have a qualified professional clean and inspect heating equipment and chimneys.

Educate Your Children

- Keep fire, matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- Teach them what smoke alarms sound like and what to do when they hear one.
- Establish a meeting place outside so that in the event of a fire they will know where to go.



49%

Nearly half of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.



40%



Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for two of every five home heating fires.



30%

The leading contributing factor to home heating fires is un-swept chimneys.

Source: NFPA's "Home Fires Involving Heating Equipment" report by Richard Campbell, April 2016.