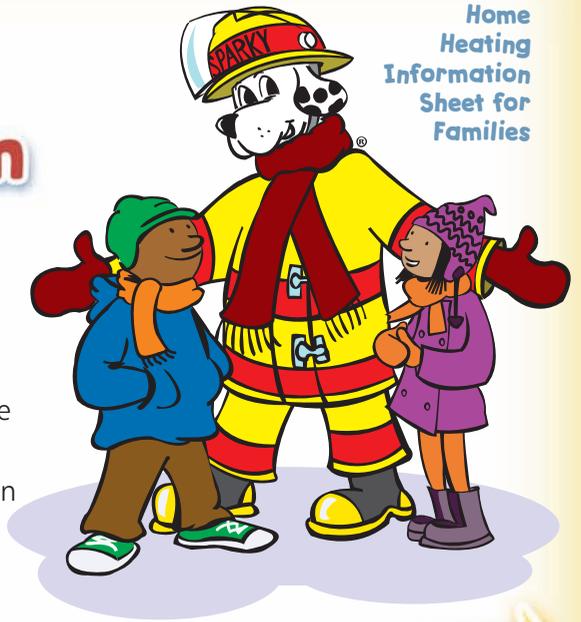


Sparky[®] Says: Stay Safe and Warm This Winter

Home
Heating
Information
Sheet for
Families



Dear Family,

It's winter! The days are shorter, the outside temperature is lower, and in some places it's cold, icy, and snowy. No matter where you live, winter brings a change in season and a **time to think about home-heating safety.**

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has developed the following **safety tips** and **fun family activity** to help you stay safe this winter.

Best wishes for a warm and safe winter season!



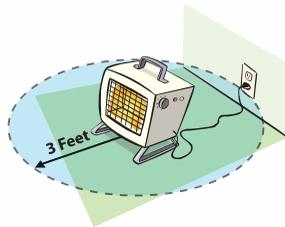
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a fun Family
Activity!

Sparky's Home-Heating Safety Tips

Hang this checklist on your refrigerator to remember to stay safe and warm this (and every!) winter.

Safety tips:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from heating equipment (furnace, woodstove, or portable heater).
- Do not use your oven to heat your home.
- Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave the room and before going to bed.
- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.
- Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container.



- Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected and cleaned every year.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

