Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!

**Half of all home heating fires** occur in the months of December, January and February.

Heating equipment is involved in **1 in every 7** reported home fires and **1 in every 5** home fire deaths.

Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.

Keep portable generators **outside**, away from windows, and as far away as possible from your home.

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms **at least once a month**.

Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year**.

Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).