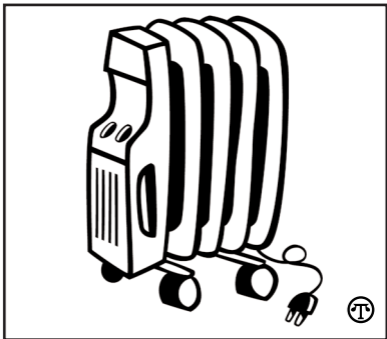


# ROAD TO SAFETY

## Fire Precautions

(NAPSA)—When cold weather drives people indoors, it can be a time of increased fire danger as the use of stoves, heaters and fireplaces leads to more fires. These



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fires can be prevented by following a few simple safety tips:

- Have your furnace and chimney professionally inspected annually and cleaned if necessary.

- Keep combustibles away from space heaters and heating vents. Be sure space heaters have an emergency shutoff in case they tip over.

- Never leave food on the stove unattended. Always double-check to make sure all appliances are off before going to bed or leaving the home. Never use your stove to heat your home.

- Install both ionization (detects fast-burning fires) and photoelectric (detects slow, smoldering fires) smoke alarms, or dual-sensor smoke alarms, in the home per manufacturers' installation instructions and applicable codes. Install smoke alarms in each bedroom and on every level of your home. Test each alarm monthly and replace every smoke alarm battery yearly.

For further information on fire safety, visit [www.usfa.dhs.gov](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov) or write to the United States Fire Administration, Publications Office, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.