

Home Problems

January and February sees the peak of home heating fires and carbon monoxide poisonings. Here are some tips to avoiding problems in your home.

Heating Equipment:

***Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from furnaces, fireplaces, wood**

stoves, or portable space heaters.

***Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.**

***Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year.**

***Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.**

***Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into a room.**

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:

***Replace the battery for your home’s CO detector each spring and fall.**

***Do not heat your home with a gas range or oven.**

***Never run a car or truck inside an attached garage.**

Smoke Detectors:

***Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.**

***Change batteries when daylight savings time changes.**

***When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.**

***Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.**