

# HEATING EQUIPMENT



THINK  
ABOUT  
**FIRE**  
BEFORE  
IT STARTS

## Prevent heating equipment fires

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- Heating equipment fires account for 1 in 10 house fires.
- Heating equipment is the second leading cause of house fires.
- In 29% of house heating fires, the cause is a lack of routine maintenance of heating equipment.

*\*Statistics for Ontario provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Management.*



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## BE SAFE.

Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening. Practice proper routine maintenance and safety precautions.

## WHAT IS HEATING EQUIPMENT?

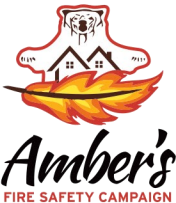
- Wood stove
- Fireplace
- Space heaters

## PROTECT YOUR FAMILY.

- Have your heating system and chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified technician.
- Ensure all outside heating vents are clear.
- Always have woodstoves, fireplaces, and fireplace inserts installed by a qualified technician.
- Allow ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.
- Always use a fire screen around the fireplace.



All homes with a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage must have a working carbon monoxide alarm installed outside all sleeping areas.



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