

Winter Weather Safety

Preventing House Heating Fires

- Heating fires were the second leading cause of home fires in 2021.
- Plug space heaters into an outlet and ensure no damage to the cord.
- Keep flammable objects at least three feet away from any heat source.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Have regular maintenance performed on chimneys and other heating equipment.
- Visit the U.S. Fire Administration's page for additional tips. [bit.ly/USFA-PreventFire](https://www.usfa-fema.gov/prevention/prevent-fire)
- Check out Ready.gov's page for further information. [bit.ly/Winter-Ready-gov](https://www.ready.gov/winter)
- December, January, and February are the peak months for heating fires.
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are among the leading days of the year for home fires.
- Heating, holiday decorations, winter storms, and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during winter weather.
- Check out the National Fire Protection Agency's home fire safety page for further information. [bit.ly/NFPA-HouseFire](https://www.nfpa.org/home-fire-safety)

