

HOME HEATING SAFETY

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DID YOU KNOW?

Across the US, nearly eight out of ten home fire deaths were caused by **heating equipment**.

Carbon Monoxide: The Silent Killer

- Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms should be installed low to the ground, near CO producing appliances such as gas heaters, dryers, and furnaces.
- Check CO detectors monthly.
- Your home can fill with CO if a stove or oven is used as a heating source.
- Gas and charcoal grills can produce CO and should only be used outside.
- Ensure anyone hired to inspect or repair your heating equipment is a qualified professional.



Handle Space Heaters With Care

- Place space heaters on a flat surface.
- Space heaters should be at least three feet away from flammable items, such as drapes, clothes, and bedding.
- Have a five-foot “kid-and pet-free zone” around space heaters.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet, rather than a surge protector.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic and don’t block an exit.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave the room and before you go to sleep.

