

WHILE YOUR FIRE IS KEEPING THEM WARM ... BE ON YOUR TOES THIS WINTER



Are you prepared for the risk of a home fire?

Heaters and Other Appliances

- Before every winter** have chimneys and flues cleaned.
- Make sure all heaters** are installed, maintained and operated according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Fire screens** should always be placed in front of open fires and heaters in your home.
- Place items that could catch fire**, like clothing and curtains, at least one metre away from heaters.
- Supervise children** near all types of heating.
- All portable heating should be turned off** and open fires extinguished before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Check all appliances are in good working order** (using damaged electrical equipment and appliances can result in a fire).
- Ensure there are no** overloaded power boards and damaged equipment is replaced.
- Check the lint filter** in the clothes dryer is cleaned after each use.

Electric Blankets

- Store your electric blankets correctly**, if not stored and used correctly electric blankets may start fires.
- Store flat if possible** and with nothing on top of it to damage wiring. When you take an electric blanket out in winter, check that the wires are completely flat and undamaged.
- Warm your bed** by turning your electric blanket on for half an hour before you retire, then turn it off at the controls and the power source as you go to bed.