

Have your chimney and central heating system inspected at least once a year.

References:

[Chimney Safety Institute Of America](#) .

[Heating Safety Points](#)

[Heating Fast Facts](#)

- Keep storage areas free from newspapers and magazines.
- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home and test them regularly.
- Store paints, thinners and other flammable liquids in their original containers, well away from heat, sparks and flames. Never store gasoline in your home.
- Use portable and space heaters with care. Keep them away from combustibles. Clean them regularly and refuel them properly.
- Store matches and lighters up high, out of reach from children.
- Never overload electrical circuits. Never override or bypass fuses or circuit breakers. Never run extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
- Use sturdy, non-spill ashtrays and check for smoking butts in furniture after someone has been smoking-especially after parties. Never smoke in bed.
- Identify your home with large address numbers that the fire department can see easily.

- Make sure there are two clear exits from each room and that everyone knows these escape routes. Practice using them.
- Never call 911 from a building that is on fire, call from a neighbors house.
- Never return into a burning building or try to fight the fire yourself.

Remember "PASS" when using a fire extinguisher:

P-Pull the pin;

A-Aim at the base of the fire;

S-Squeeze the extinguisher handle;

S-Sweep from side to side while aiming at the base of the fire.

Practice kitchen safety: turn off and unplug appliances when not in use. Turn pot handles inward so they won't be pulled or knocked off the stove. Make sure that children are supervised in the kitchen at all times. Never leave food cooking on the stove unattended.