

# PAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY MESSAGE



Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months. In fact, half of all home heating fires occur in December, January, and February. According to NFPA's [Home Fires Involving Heating Equipment](#) report, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 57,100 reported home structure fires in 2010, resulting in 490 civilian deaths, 1,530 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage.

It's never too early to begin preparing for the heating season. NFPA offers [10 tips to check off your list](#) and get ahead of the winter freeze.

Be safe and warm this winter

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.

[Download all of NFPA's heating safety tips](#)