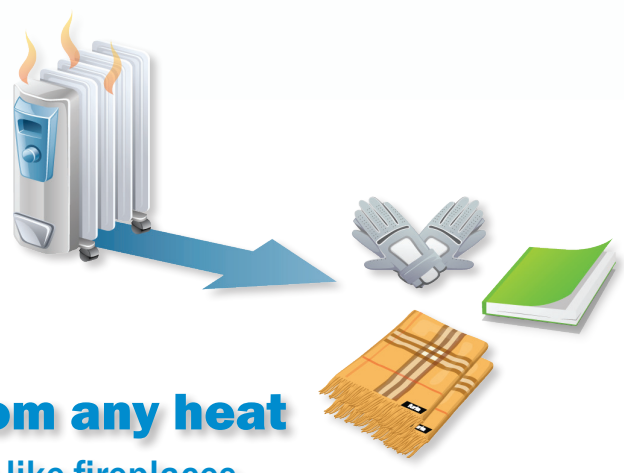
PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER FIRES

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of

Heating equipment is involved in **1** in every **7** reported **home fires** and **1 in every 6 home fire deaths.**

Keep anything that can burn at least **3 feet from any heat source** like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



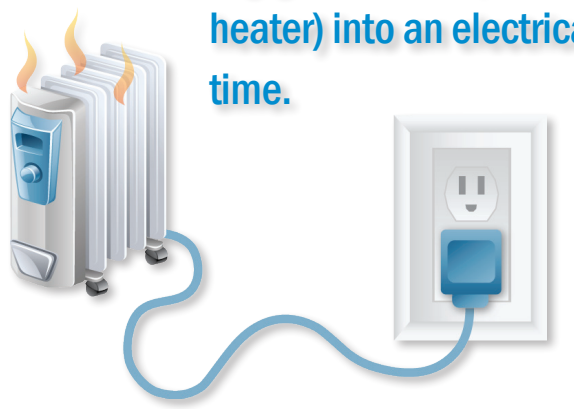
Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your house.**

Install and **test** carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**

Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year**.

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.

Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/ and www.nfpa.org/winter/

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