

Home Fire Safety

Kingsport Area Safety Council

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- Always make sure that children are not left unsupervised in an area where a supplemental heater is operating
- Don't forget about pets (Particularly Labrador Retrievers)
- Always ensure protective screens and grates are in place.

The Basics

- Common Sense
- Think as if “It could Happen to Me”
- Working Smoke Detectors
- Working Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Proper Fire Extinguishers and know how to use them
- Proper Fitting Lids
- Good Housekeeping
- Think Before You Act

Fire Places and Wood Stoves

- Ensure they are properly constructed and/or Installed
- Perform Inspection before each use
- Have chimney inspected and cleaned before each season
- Ensure Floor Protector is used, (Should extend at least 18 inches in all directions).
- Never use any flammable liquid or burn trash.
- Use Metal Container with tight fitting lid for ash removal. (Always ensure ashes are cool)

Kerosene Heaters

- Always follow Manufacturers Instructions
- Never Ever Ever use Gasoline or any Container that has ever contained gasoline
 - Buy a New Container
 - Label Container Kerosene Only
 - Fill with K-1 Kerosene Only (Sulfur Dioxide)

Kerosene Heaters

- Ensure heater is placed on a solid surface and not blocking any exits
- Always refuel the heater outdoors and never when in operation
- Ensure that the room the heater is operating in is vented
- Always make sure there is at least three feet of clearance between the heater and any other objects.

Kerosene Heaters

- Never operate heater unattended or while sleeping
- If flare up occurs, NEVER try to move heater or smother flames with a blanket
- Attempt to manually shut off heater and call the Fire Department.

Gas Heaters

- Ensure that heaters are installed or placed in accordance with the Manufactures Recommendations
- Ensure that Vented Heaters are Vented Properly to the outside and used in Sleeping Areas. They also should be equipped with a “Vent Safety Shutoff System”
- The gas cylinder cannot be stored within the body for indoor usage.

Gas Heaters

- Ensure that you follow Manufacturers Instructions for lighting the Pilot Light
- If using matches, make sure they are lit before turning the gas on to the pilot.
- Do not use an vented heat unvented.
- Ensure there are no combustibles within three feet of the heater.
- Do not hang clothes on Natural Gas Lines

Gas Heaters

- Do not use Un-Vented Heaters in enclosed or small areas. (excess Carbon Monoxide)
- Only use Un-Vented Heaters that are equipped with a “Pilot Safety System”

Electric Wall Heaters

- Ensure that they are wired properly and do not overload a circuit.
- Do not use extension cords as permanent wiring.
- Remove Dust and Lint on a regular basis.
- Keep at least three feet clearance between the heater and any combustible.
- If you are not planning to use the heater at all, have an electrician disconnect the heater from the circuit box and secure box properly.

Portable Electric Heaters

- Do not use an extension cord as permanent wiring
- If extension cords are used temporarily make sure that they are at least #14 or #12 AWG
- Ensure that you have at least three feet clearance between the heater and any combustible

Portable Electric Heaters

- Only use on the floor and ensure floor is protected
- Do not block any exits
- Ensure heater is not in use while sleeping (Unplug it)
- Treat a Ceramic Heater as a Coil Heater

Cooking Safety

- Ensure no combustibles or flammables are stored above the stove.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothes
- Ensure handles are pointed to the back of the stove.
- Never leave stove unattended
- Have a properly fitting lid for any pot or skillet.

Cooking Safety

- Always have pot holders available
- Do not try to take a burning skillet outside
- Know where your fire extinguisher is and how and when to use it
- Treat Boiling Water as a Flammable Liquid
- Call the Fire Department

Christmas Tree Safety

- If using an artificial tree, make sure it is labeled, certified, and identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
- If you are using a real tree, choose a tree with fresh green needles that do not fall off when touched.
 - Cut off 1” to 2” off of the bottom of the trunk
 - Make sure that the tree is at least 3 feet from any heat source and ensure no exits are blocked
 - Water, Water, Water!

Christmas Tree Safety

- Ensure lights have been tested by an independent testing laboratory.
- Make sure you inspect lights for any defect before you place them on the tree.
 - Make sure the lights are intended for indoor use
 - Ensure no fraying or exposed wiring
 - Connect no more than 3 strands of mini lights or no more than 50 bulbs of the screw in type.

Christmas Tree Safety

- Never leave the lights on when you leave home or go to sleep
- Remove tree as soon as it begins to drop needles (even if before Christmas)

Turkey Fryer Safety

■ Main Safety Issues

- Easily tipped over
- Overfilled with Oil
- Immersing frozen or partially frozen turkey
- No thermostat control
- All components get very hot
- Overall a very high burn hazard

Turkey Fryer Safety

- Always use outside and away from any building or anything that may burn
- Do not use on wooden decks, underneath carports, or in garages
- Always use a flat surface
- Never leave fryer unattended
- Keep all children and pets away
- Do not overfill with oil

Turkey Fryer Safety

- Always have a BC Extinguisher available, know how to use it, know when to call the Fire Department
- Always use high quality pot holders
- Wear eye protection
- Always allow turkey to completely thaw
- Continually monitor temperature of oil

Turkey Fryer Safety

- Be careful removing the turkey not to drip oil onto open flame or tip fryer over
- Once you have completed frying, remember that the oil will stay hot for a very long time.

PET PEEVE

- Never leave the dryer running at night or when you leave home.