## **Home Fire Safety**

**FACT SHEET** 

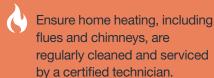




## Heaters are a major cause of fires, especially during winter.

- Never leave clothes near the heater if leaving the house or going to bed.
- Check clothing regularly if drying near a heater.
- Don't sit too close to the heater.
- Clean and maintain chimneys and heater flues annually.
- Maintain heaters according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Don't leave your heater door open or remove screens on open fires.
- Supervise children near heaters and open fires.
- Always place ashes in a metal container. Dispose of ashes well clear of your home and pour water over them.

## **Hot tips**



Extinguish open fires before leaving home or going to sleep.





Be careful with the disposal of ashes from the hearth or wood heater. Ashes can take up to 5 days to cool.



