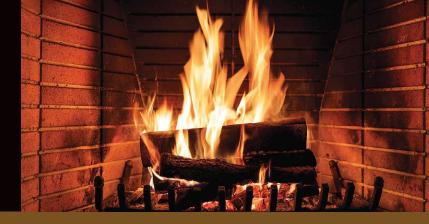
Stay Warm & SAFE



PREVENT HEATING EQUIPMENT FIRES

WHAT'S THE RISK?

Heating equipment fires account for 1 in 10 home fires.

Heating equipment is the **second** leading cause of home fires.

In 29% of home heating fires, the cause is lack of routine maintenance of heating equipment.

The average dollar loss per heating equipment fire is \$53,000.

The leading causes of heating equipment fires are:

- 1. WOODSTOVES
- 2. FIREPLACE/FIREPLACE INSERTS
- 3. CHIMNEYS.

Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014. Provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management.



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How do I prevent a heating fire?

- Have your heating system and chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified service technician.
- Ensure all outside heating vents are not blocked.
- Ensure woodstoves, fireplaces and fireplace inserts are installed by a qualified technician according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Always use a fire screen around the fireplace.
- Allow ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tightfitting lid. Keep the container outside.



All homes with a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage must have a working carbon monoxide alarm installed outside all sleeping areas.

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