

STATE FIRE MARSHAL LOOKS TO PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER FIRE DEATHS



The Utah Department of Public Safety offers these 10 fire safety tips to get ahead of the winter freeze as you prepare to enter the holiday. Utahns are more likely to have a home fire during the winter months of November through February. The combination of portable heating appliances, increased holiday cooking and candle use have contributed to past fire injuries and deaths during the winter months. It's never too early to prepare your home for the winter heating and holiday season.

Use the following safety checklist to make your winter a fire safe time of the year:

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months.
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked my chimney for creosote build-up.
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off** and are placed **3 feet away** from anything that can burn; like paper, bedding or walls.
- All of our appliances including portable space heaters are **plugged directly into an outlet**.
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working.
- We have **smoke alarms located on every level of the home** including all bedrooms.
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working.
- We will **not leave cooking equipment unattended** at any time.

REMEMBER FIRE IS EVERYONE'S FIGHT!

