

# Stay **Fire Safe** While Staying **Warm**

**Heating equipment** is a **leading cause** of home fires in Ontario.

What **heating equipment** in my home can cause fires?



FIREPLACES AND FIREPLACE INSERTS



WOODSTOVES



CHIMNEYS

How do I keep **myself** and my **loved ones** safe?

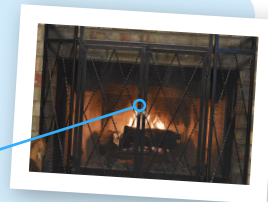
- Ensure woodstoves, fireplaces and fireplace inserts are installed by a **qualified technician** according to **manufacturer's instructions**.
- Have your heating system, vents and chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by a **qualified service technician**.
- Ensure all outside heating vents are **not blocked**.

Install **smoke** and **carbon monoxide** **alarms** on every storey of your home.

**Test them every month.**



- Allow ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a **metal container** with a tight-fitting lid. **Keep the container outside**.
- **Always use a fire screen around the fireplace!**



For more information contact your **local fire department**.



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