



# WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Stay safe from these electrical hazards during the winter months:



## Space Heaters

- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that is flammable, including rugs, blankets, and papers.
- Don't leave your space heater unattended, and unplug it when not in use. Consider getting a space heater that has an automatic shut-off.



## Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to ensure they are functioning properly.
- Check your batteries and change them every six months.



## Extension Cords

- Don't overload outlets, and unplug cords when not in use.
- Do not run extension cords under rugs or furniture.
- Only use extension cords that are in proper working condition - with no tears, frays, or broken cord ends.



## Electric Blankets and Heating Pads

- When using electric blankets, never: fold them, tuck them into other blankets, or place anything on top of them. They could overheat.
- Inspect the electric cords to look for cracks or fraying.



## Seasonal Safety

- Turn off all decorations when no one is home, or use timers to turn them off at night.
- Use decorations where they are intended to be used, such as indoor lights only used indoors.
- Inspect cords on decorations to make sure they aren't frayed or broken.