• Always watch children and pets at all times when a portable space heater is in use. The outside of the heater gets hot and can burn them if they get too close.

• Turn off space heaters before you leave the room or go to sleep.

• Never use space heaters to dry clothing, blankets, or anything that might catch on fire. Use a safe place to dry these things.

• To prevent a fire, space heaters need to have plenty of space around them. Put heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn. This includes furniture, curtains, people, and pets. Picture 1

• Make sure your space heater meets testing standards. Look on the bottom for a label that shows ETL Listed, UL or CSA testing marks.

• Have a service person clean and tune up your home's central heating system once a year. Fireplaces and woodstoves should also be inspected each year. Picture 2

• Using ovens, ranges or outdoor grills to heat your home is dangerous in two ways:
  1. It could start a fire.
  2. It could cause poisoning from carbon monoxide (CO).

Use cooking equipment for cooking only.

One more thing! Any heating equipment that burns fuel can make dangerous levels of CO. To protect your family, install at least one CO detector near every sleeping area. Picture 3