

# Spot's Fire Safety Message



Have your chimney inspected once a year and cleaned or repaired if necessary.

Also, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from a space heater.

## Winter Safety tips:

- When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of UL listing, and be sure to have fixed space heaters installed properly.

- When using fireplaces and woodstoves, use only wood that is properly seasoned to reduce creosote build-up.
- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container.
- Have any gas-fueled heating device installed with proper attention to ventilation. If un-vented gas space heaters are used in bedrooms or bathrooms, make sure they are small and well-mounted.
- Test smoke alarms monthly; install a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.



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