

WINTER SAFETY TIPS



As the weather gets cooler, we need to think about indoor safety. Every year, we hear about people being overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning. Fire Marshal Scott Pursell would like to share some important safety information/tips so you do not become the next victim.

- When using candles, use caution and keep candles away from combustible materials.
- If you leave room or go to sleep extinguish all candles.
- Put candles on a sturdy base that will not burn or tip over.
- In case of power outages have flashlights available (do not use candles).
- Make sure your furnace is working properly. If you smell gas call 9-1-1
- Make sure to change filer regularly. If you have any repairs done, make sure it is done by a qualified/licensed technician.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from combustibles. In many cities kerosene heaters are illegal to use.
- Do not use a hibachi, a barbeque or camp stove indoors for heating or cooking.



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- Never use your oven as a heating source.
- Carbon monoxide is colorless and odorless.
- When warming your vehicle, remove it from garage immediately.
- Have a carbon monoxide detector.
 Check the battery monthly.
- If you have any of the following symptoms: headache; dizziness; mental confusion; flu like symptoms; you may have carbon monoxide poisoning. Call 9-1-1
- Have your chimney checked by a professional and have it cleaned regularly
- Make sure your fireplace flue is in the open position when using the fireplace.
- Always use a fireplace screen when fireplace is in use.
- Allow all ashes to cool down before disposing (into a metal container with tight fitting lid).
- All Chimneys should have spark arrestors.
- Never burn trees or newspapers in the fireplace.
- Have a working smoke alarm. CHECK THE BATTERY MONTHLY.

For more information, you can contact your local fire station or go to: www.cityofpasadena.net/fire/