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Heating safety at home and work

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As temperatures drop across Nunavut, Nunavut Emergency Management and the Office of the Nunavut Fire Marshal's are reminding residents to use heating equipment safely to reduce the risk of fire.

Space heaters and other heating devices are a common cause of house fires during the winter. A few simple steps can help reduce the risk:

- Keep heaters at least one metre (three feet) away from anything that can burn, like furniture, bedding, clothing, or curtains.
- Do not place heaters under beds, desks, or directly against walls.
- Plug heaters straight into a wall outlet; do not use extension cords or power bars.
- Turn heaters off when leaving a room or going to sleep.
- Never use outdoor heating equipment indoors.

In a workplace, portable heaters should only be used if they are approved and set up properly. Using heaters in hallways, offices, or shared spaces can create fire risks if they are not installed correctly.

Using heating devices under buildings or near baseboards can also be dangerous and should only be done using approved equipment by trained personnel.

Nunavummiut are reminded to check that smoke alarms are installed on every level of the home and are working properly.

Fire safety is everyone's responsibility. For more information, visit the Nunavut Fire Marshal's webpage on the Government of Nunavut website.

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