



Audio News Release

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As the colder winter months arrive, many Canadians enjoy the warmth and ambience created by space heaters, fireplaces, and wood burning stoves—but with improper use, these can pose a serious fire hazard. The Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada recommends that flammable items such as clothing, drapes and Christmas trees, be kept at least three feet away from electric or wood heat appliances.

Richard Kent, Secretary Treasury with the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada notes that home fires are more prevalent during winter months and advises to use caution at all times when dealing with heat sources.

Suggested Quote:

Prevention can go a long way to keeping your family safe during the upcoming holiday season and all year round. Make sure you install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home and test the batteries monthly. And remember to keep the area around heat sources clear. Remember, your family's safety is in your hands.

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For additional tips on indoor heating safety, visit the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada website at afac-acpi.ca.