

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET



Tasmania Fire Service





## Heating

**Heaters are a major cause of fires, especially during winter.**

- **NEVER** leave clothes near the heater if leaving the house or going to bed.
- **Check** clothing regularly if drying near a heater.
- **DO NOT** sit too close to the heater.
- **Clean** and maintain chimneys and heater flues annually.
- **Maintain** heaters according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- **DO NOT** leave your heater door open or remove screens on open fires.
- **Supervise** children near heaters and open fires.
- **Always** place ashes in a metal container. Dispose of ashes well clear of your home and pour water over them.

## Hot tips

-  Make sure home heating, including flues and chimneys, are regularly cleaned and serviced.
-  Extinguish open fires before leaving home or going to sleep.

**Remember: 2 metres from the heater!**



Don't place clothing or any flammable material too close to heaters – it should be at least **two metres** from any source of heat. Use fire screens at all times with open fires.



Be careful with the disposal of ashes from the hearth or wood heater. Ashes can take up to 5 days to cool.



**Never** use an outdoor heater indoors.