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FIRE SAFETY FACTS

**THE BEST FIRE  
PROTECTION IS  
A WORKING  
SMOKE ALARM**



*A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM  
THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY  
AND YOUR LOCAL FIRE SERVICE*



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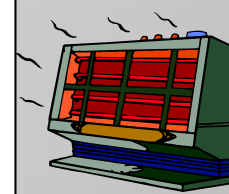


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**SPACE**

**HEATERS**



**HOW TO USE THEM  
...SAFELY**



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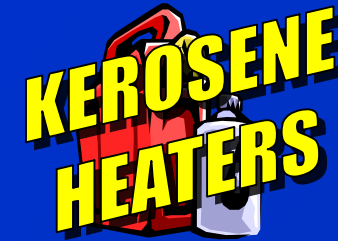
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As energy costs escalate and New Jersey residents look to alternative heating, more and more of them are using space heaters. As a result, so can instances of improper use lead to fire and injury, especially to small children.

The most common type of space heater is an electric radiant heater. Many older models have exposed heating elements. The more commonly sold electric heater today has no exposed heating elements but a self contained heat transfer liquid. Properly maintained, these are among the most reliable space heaters.

Other space heaters use combustion to generate heat, such as kerosene, wood, wood pellet, coal or propane. Each of those type heaters comes with the risk of indoor CO poisoning. CO is deadly byproduct of combustion. If you use a combustion type heater it is imperative to have CO and Smoke Alarms installed in every level of your home.

# KEROSENE HEATERS



**Kerosene heaters are illegal in all but one and two family homes in our state, and may be outright banned in your town. Ask your local fire official.**

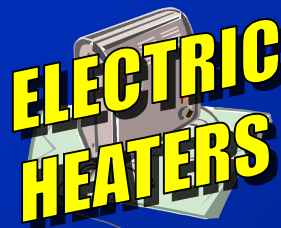
- **Use manufacturer recommended fuel only**
- **Store fuel and always refill outdoors**
- **Keep heater 3 feet away from anything**
- **Never move it while in use**
- **Keep pets and small children away**

- **Use only seasoned wood, approved pellets or coal in the respective stove type**
- **Dispose of ash in an approved covered container, outdoors and away from the home**
- **Check flue pipes and clean chimney annually**
- **DO NOT use lighter fluid or flammable liquid to light a fire**
- **Keep stove door closed and use a fire screen**

# WOOD, PELLET AND COAL STOVES



# ELECTRIC HEATERS



- **Check for independent lab approval and a “tip switch” that will shut off the appliance if it’s moved**
- **Exposed element heaters are being phased out. Look for UL approved self contained fluid heat transfer units**
- **Keep heater away from burnables, curtains, shag rug and clothing**
- **Keep on a level hardwood or vinyl surface**
- **If the plug or cord is hot to the touch shut off and unplug**

# HOW TO USE THEM ...SAFELY