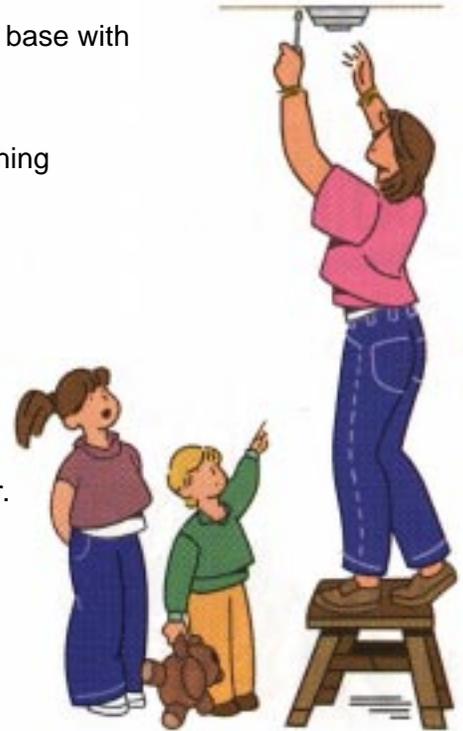


Keep your family safe by covering safety bases

This week, the National Fire Protection Association is heading for second base with the following tips for home heating safety:

- Keep all space heaters at least 3 feet away from walls, furniture and anything else that can burn.
- Use only space heaters that carry the label of an independent testing lab.
- Have your central heating system serviced professionally before the start of each heating season.
- Have your chimney inspected (and cleaned when necessary) once a year.
- If you have a fireplace, use a screen to catch sparks.
- Keep fireplace fires small and never burn trash or anything else except wood in your fireplace.
- Never use or store propane gas tanks inside your home.
- If you have a wood stove, have it inspected professionally once a year and be sure it conforms to local installation codes.
- Use only cast iron or steel wood-burning stoves that carry the label of an independent testing lab.



For more home fire prevention information, visit the Hanford Fire Department Web site at: http://www.hanford.gov/fire/Fire_Prevention_Month/fpinfo.htm . ♦