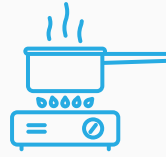


Safety tips for every home



Hire a professional.

Always use a licensed professional to install or repair any gas appliances.



Look for a clear blue flame.

A yellow or orange flame may indicate your burner is not burning efficiently.

Gas fireplace? Keep people, pets, clothing and furniture away.



Turn off after use, or when you're not in the room.

Turn off your space heater before bed or leaving the house.



If you notice lint buildup in your space heater, contact a professional to clean it.



Never use a gas oven or range top as a space heater.

Using a gas appliance the wrong way can cause deadly carbon monoxide. If the power goes out, bundle up in layers of clothes and blankets instead.

Keep your water heater at 140° F or less.



Get an annual inspection by a licensed plumbing or heating/cooling contractor.



Install a carbon monoxide detector.

Make sure fuel-powered appliances are properly vented so CO doesn't build up.

Keep flues and chimneys clean and clear.



Have your heating contractor make sure they're not blocked.



Always keep meters and vents clear.

Carefully remove snow and ice with a broom or by hand. Never shovel or kick your gas meter, as it can cause damage.

Don't stack flammables near furnaces.



Water heaters, ranges and dryers, too. Flammables include paper, wood, cleaning fluid, glue, gasoline, varnish, paints, curtains and rags.