

IGNITE RIGHT

As winter weather and fuel conservation bring fireplaces into increasing popularity, here are some safety tips for keeping your home warm.



14,000 HOUSE FIRES PER YEAR START IN FIREPLACES

6,000+
fireplace related
injuries per year



65%
of injuries involve children
under the age of five



3RD
greatest cause of
fire fatalities



\$893 MILLION
property damages



8 TIPS FOR FIREPLACE SAFETY



Have your chimney inspected & cleaned annually by a specialist



Clear the area around the hearth of debris, and flammable materials



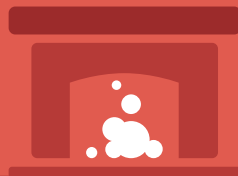
Use only seasoned hardwood - soft wood adds creosote buildup



Always use a screen around the fireplace to catch sparks



Never burn cardboard boxes, trash, or debris in your fireplace



Never leave a fire unattended - extinguish before leaving the house



Place logs at the rear of the fireplace or on a supporting grate



Empty ashes from your fireplace into a metal trashcan with lid