



# Winter Safety Tips

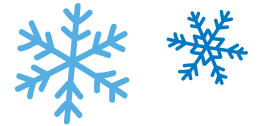
## USE SPACE HEATERS SAFELY

- \* Keep away from anything flammable (furniture, curtains, bedding, etc.)
- \* Ensure the safety shut-off function works, repair or replace if the sensors don't work
- \* Never use an extension cord, always plug space heaters directly into an outlet



## REMEMBER EXTENSION CORDS ARE INTENDED FOR TEMPORARY USE

- \* Do not run cords under rugs or furniture
- \* When disconnecting an electrical cord, pull from the plug, not the cord itself
- \* Make sure to only use extension cords in proper working condition, with no tears in their exterior coating



## KEEP YOUR DEVICES SAFE

- \* Keep your cellphones on the bedside table to charge as they can overheat in bedding and cause a fire
- \* Plug electronics into high-quality surge protectors to prevent damage to the equipment and electrical fires



Inspect your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working and that they haven't exceeded their life span



If you are always using an outlet for multiple cords consider having a licensed contractor add new circuits and outlets

## SEASONAL SAFETY

- \* Water your live tree daily to prevent it from becoming fuel for a fire
- \* If you have an artificial tree make sure to purchase one labeled "fire retardant"
- \* Keep all decorations away from open flames like candles or fireplaces
- \* Turn off your decorations when no one is home or use timers to turn them off at night
- \* Only use decorations in their approved area such as indoor lights only indoors
- \* Inspect cords on decorations to make sure they aren't frayed or broken
- \* Do not install outdoor decorative lights and cords in extreme cold as this may cause damage and cracking

