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Cold Weather Safety Tips



day season), portable generators, space heaters, and electrical blankets.

It is important to follow manufacturers' instructions to keep you and your family safe during the winter months (and all year long). We've included a few safety tips below:

Space Heaters

I know, I know—where did summer go? As much as most of us would like to deny it, winter is coming! So before the temperature drops too much we wanted to remind everyone of some key safety tips for the upcoming months.

Studies have shown that electrical product sales increase during the month of December. That, coupled with the colder weather, increases the likelihood of electrical fires, electrocutions and injuries with more home fires occurring during the winter months than any other time of year.

More than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment each year. Fires can be caused by many things in the colder months including cooking (largely due in part to the holi-

-Inspect the heater for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections before EACH use! If frayed, worn or damaged, do not use the heater.

-Never leave the space heater unattended. Turn it off when you're leaving the room

-Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and test them once a month

-Make sure the outlet you are plugging the heater into can handle the load of the heater (we've seen this problem a lot in office spaces too!)

-On that same note, always plug the heater directly into the outlet—never into an extension cord which could overheat and cause a fire!

Electrical Blankets

-Check for dark, charred or frayed spots on the blanket and cord

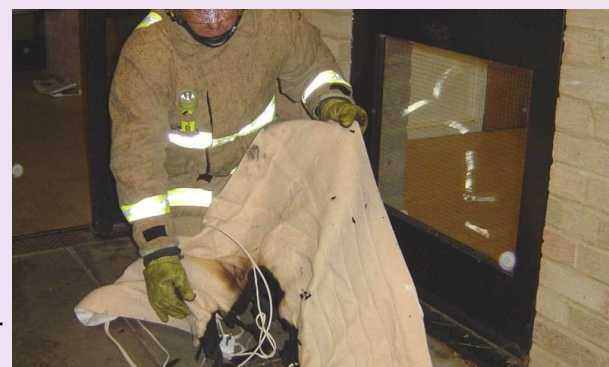
-Do not allow anything on top of an electric blanket while it is in use. When covered with anything (including other blankets or pets) the electrical blanket may overheat

-Never fold or tuck in an electrical blanket while it's in use

-Limit machine drying of the blanket to protect the cords inside

When in doubt, it is always better to err on the side of caution when trying to keep warm these months. Stay safe and stay warm!

For more information, click [here](#).



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Happy Northstar Anniversary to Matt, Hektor, & Mike!



Spookiest Spots

For those that enjoy being frightened and the creepiness of Halloween, we've put together a list of some top haunted places in the USA—all of which offer tours!

Moundsville Penitentiary—West Virginia

During its years of operation this was known to be one of America's most violent correctional facilities and the final stop for almost 1,000 criminals.

Villisca Axe Murder House—Iowa

A heinous murder of a visiting family took place here and the murderer was never found.

Sammie Dean—Arizona

This entire town used to be known for copper-mining and is now known for paranormal activity. A well-known spirit in this town is Sammie Dean, a working girl who was strangled by a customer and whose murderer was also never found.

Cuban Club—Florida

Back in 1917 this was a popular hangout for Cuban immigrants. Today the site is a host for concerts, special

events, and the setting of many ghost stories about spirits playing the piano.

Fort Mifflin—Pennsylvania

The only Revolutionary War battlefield that is still intact. Many spirits are said to roam the grounds including a screaming woman whose cries are so loud that the Philadelphia police have been called to investigate.

Moon River Brewery—Georgia

Originally a high-end hotel, this site has a history of violence during the Civil War. Patrons have said they've seen bottles mysteriously fly through the air and guests being pushed and slapped by unseen forces.

The Sultan's Palace—Louisiana

The former home of a wealthy man with multiples wives and children held against their will. He was said to have a fondness for partying, opium and torture. He was buried alive in the courtyard and his angry spirit continues to haunt the house.

Calcasieu Courthouse—Louisiana

Toni Jo, who after 3 trials was convicted of killing a man in cold blood,

was the first woman in the state to die by electric chair. She is still said to haunt the court house today.

Eastern State Penitentiary—Pennsylvania

A former prison directed by Quaker beliefs, this location had infamously strict rules which encouraged isolation and punishment. Tortured spirits including "Slick Willie" continue to haunt the grounds.

Mansfield Reformatory—Ohio

Used in a number of films including *The Shawshank Redemption*, this former military training camp turned into a prison before it was forced to close via federal court order—citing overcrowding and inhumane conditions. Over 200 people died here including 2 guards.

Happy Haunting!!!

