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Keep Warm, Keep Safe Campaign



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**Winter Home Heating Safety**  
**Mantenerse Caliente, Mantenerse Seguro**

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# All Home Heating Fires

From 2013 to 2017



- 7, 593 home heating fires
- 12 civilian deaths
- 1 fire service death
- 59 civilian injuries
- 98 fire service injuries
- \$49.4 million in property losses



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## Heating #2 Cause of Home Fires

- Leading cause of home fires is cooking.
- Heating remains #2 cause of home fires.
- In Franklin County, heating is the #1 cause of home fires.
- Heating is leading cause of CO poisoning in the home.



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## Chimney and Woodstove Fires



- Have a licensed professional clean the chimney before heating season starts.
- They can check for cracked mortar that can let heat escape and start a house fire.



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## Chimney and Woodstove Fires



- Dispose of ashes in a metal container with a lid – outdoors – away from the house, garage, & deck
- Building permit and inspection required for installation of furnaces and wood, coal & pellet stoves
- Properly maintain stoves - particularly pellet stove hoppers



## Furnaces



- Have a licensed professional give your furnace a check-up at the beginning of heating season.
- An efficiently running furnace is cheaper and safer to run.
- Don't let oil furnaces go below  $\frac{1}{4}$  tank.
- Home heating assistance programs can help low income homeowners with maintenance costs too.

