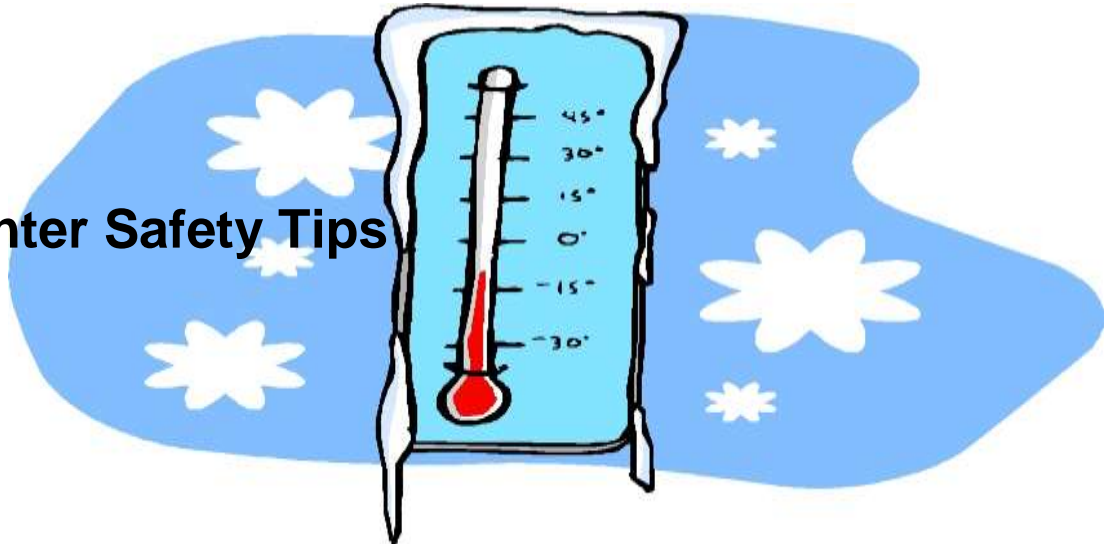


## Winter Safety Tips



- ✓ Have the fire place professionally clean and inspected at least once year.
  - Use a hard variety of wood not pine – don't burn newspapers, use more matches.
  - Be sure the flue is open.
  - Add a spark arrestor to keep debris in the fireplace.
- ✓ Keep pets and children away from fireplaces and fire pits. Heat can be trapped under the ash for several hours and may cause severe burns.
- ✓ Don't use the oven or stove burners as a heat source.
- ✓ BBQ's should never be used indoors due to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ✓ Be sure to have a carbon monoxide detector in your home. Have all gas appliances checked out annually. Watch for a lazy, yellowish flame. This may be a sign the appliance is not working properly. Call your gas company for assistance.
- ✓ Carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms- flu-like feeling, nausea, trouble breathing. Appears to go away when a person goes outdoors and is out of the home for a period of time.
- ✓ Space heaters. Newer models have automatic shut off when tipped over.
  - Keep 3 feet away from all furniture, drapes, and anything combustibles
  - Do not use while sleeping
- ✓ Candles are for decorating not lighting.
- ✓ Keep a good flashlight with working batteries in every room of your home.