## KEEPING WARM HEATING PADS, ELECTRIC BLANKETS AND SPACE HEATERS

## ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS AND BLANKETS ARE GREAT WAYS TO STAY WARM WHEN THE TEMPERATURE DROPS. BUT DON'T FORGET ABOUT SAFETY BEFORE YOU PLUG IN THESE CHILL-CHASERS.

Remember: an electric space heater is a temporary option for supplemental heat. When you leave a room or go to sleep, it is important to turn off your electric space heater. They could overheat or fall. Also, always plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord to avoid overheating.

Electric blankets and heating pads are also popular during the cold months. Never fold them and avoid using them while sleeping. Inspect them for dark, charred or frayed spots, and check to see if the electric cord is cracked or frayed. Read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels carefully.

While there is no risk of carbon monoxide poisoning with an electric space heater, it holds many other safety hazards if not used properly. To be safe, install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas. If you already have them, test them once a month.

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