

## TIME FOR A CHECK UP.



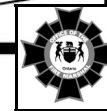
Protect your family against fire and deadly carbon monoxide. Have your heating system examined annually by a qualified service technician.

## The Facts About Heating Safety

### WATCH YOUR ASHES

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Keep the container outside.

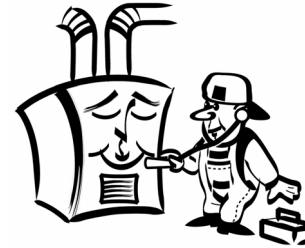


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## Key Messages:

- ✓ Have all chimneys cleaned and inspected every year.
- ✓ Have your heating system inspected annually by a qualified service technician.
- ✓ Install a CO alarm to alert you to the presence of deadly carbon monoxide gas.
- ✓ Give space heaters space: keep space heaters at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn, including curtains, upholstery, clothing and people.
- ✓ Protect your home from sparks. Use a fire screen around the fireplace.
- ✓ Watch for smoke coming into the room. This could indicate a blockage in the chimney or a faulty damper control mechanism.
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# Fact

**Creosote is a major cause of chimney fires.  
Have chimneys and flue pipes cleaned regularly.**

