

# Heating your home

## Keep warm and safe



When heating your home be sure you keep your heat source away from curtains and furniture.

### Portable electric heaters...

- Never use them to dry clothes.
- Try to secure heaters up against a wall to stop them falling over.
- Always unplug the heater when not in use.

### Open fires...

- Protect your home by using a fire guard to prevent hot ash and sparks falling from the fire.
- For wood and coal burning fires or stoves, the chimney should be swept according to the type of fuel used. To find a chimney sweep in your local area, please visit: [www.nacs.org.uk](http://www.nacs.org.uk)

### Gas fires...

- They should be checked regularly at least once a year and serviced by a 'Gas Safe' registered engineer.

### Carbon Monoxide Detector... Early Detection Saves Lives

- We recommend you install a carbon monoxide alarm when using open fires or solid fuel burners.



In the event of a fire, use your escape plan – **GET OUT, STAY OUT AND CALL 999**