



Tasmania Fire Service

# Home Fire Safety

## FACT SHEET

## Heating fire safety



- **Don't** place clothing or any flammable material too close to heaters – it should be **at least two metres** from any source of heat.
- **Never** leave clothes near the heater if leaving the house or going to bed.
- **Check** clothing regularly if drying near a heater.
- **Use** fire screens at all times with open fires.
- **Don't** sit too close to the heaters.
- **Clean** and maintain chimneys and heater flues annually.
- **Maintain** heaters according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Don't** leave your heater door open or remove screens on open fires.
- Be careful with the **disposal of ashes** from the hearth or wood heater. Ashes can take up to five days to cool. Always place ashes in a metal container. Dispose of ashes well clear of your home and pour water over them.
- **Never** use an outdoor heater indoors.

