

Cooking Equipment

- Keep appliances and stove tops clean
- Wear tight-fitting sleeves while cooking
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen
- Never leave a stove unattended when cooking**
- Turn off heat source if there is a fire
- Apply baking soda or place a lid on pan fires
- Never use water for a grease fire

Candles

- Use sturdy metal, ceramic or glass holders
- Extinguish candles when you go to sleep or leave the house
- Keep burning candles away from flammable items
- Keep candle wicks trimmed
- Never set a candle on a combustible surface
- Use flashlights for power outages

Electrical Wiring

- Check wiring on appliances
- Replace old and worn-out cords
- Keep away from wet areas

Smoking, Lighters and Matches

- Smoke outside
- Keep out of the reach of children
- Don't leave unattended
- Make sure extinguished before discarding

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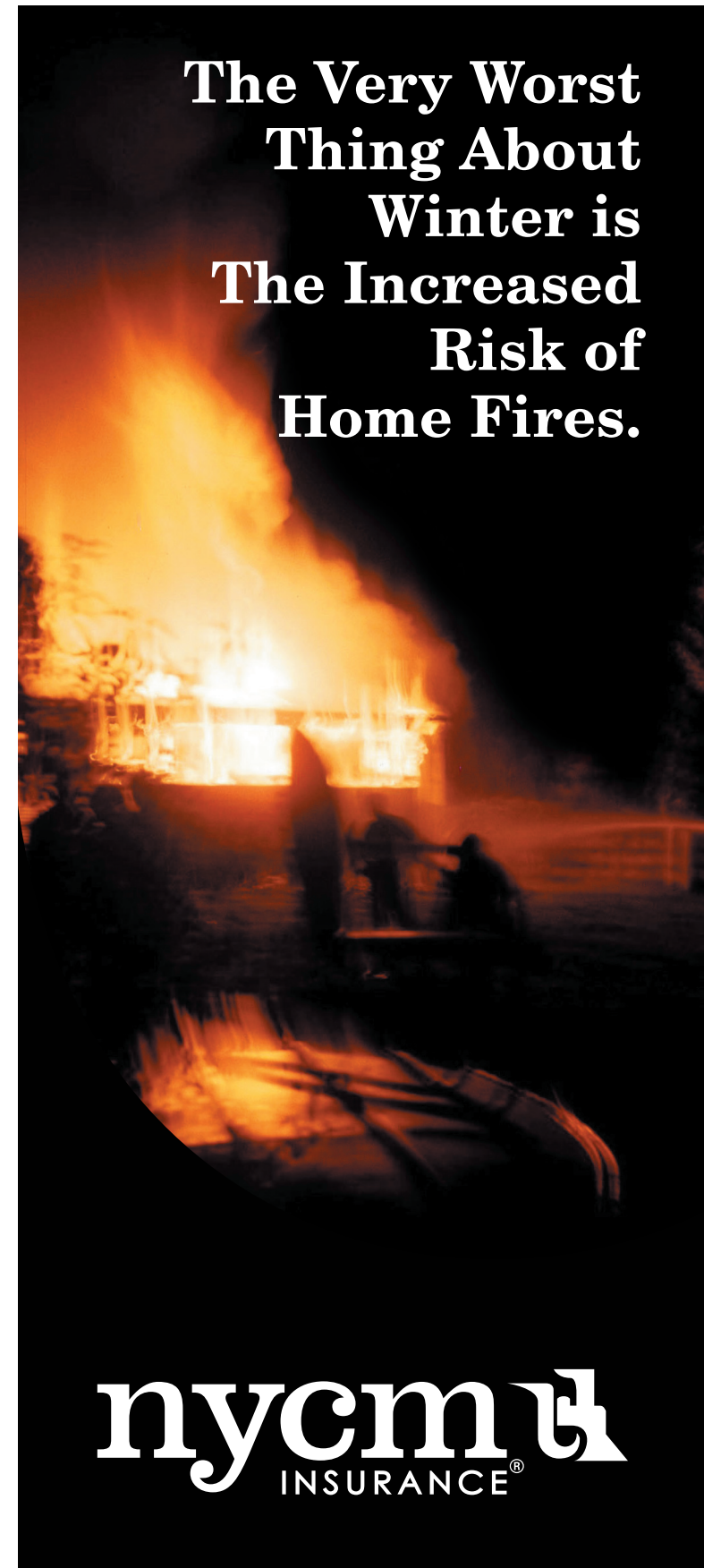
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The Very Worst Thing About Winter is The Increased Risk of Home Fires.



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Preventing Home Fires is a Family Affair

Here are some quick tips on Fire Safety for the winter.

Fire Safety Checklist

- Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approved
- Check & read manufacturers guidelines
- Check out local building codes
- Fire extinguisher
- Smoke/Carbon Monoxide detector
- Inspect regularly
- Regular maintenance and cleaning
- All combustible materials must be three feet or more away from heat source
- Keep pets/kids away from heat sources
- Wear tight fitting clothing
- Proper ventilation
- Develop a fire safety plan

Wood Stove Safety Checklist

- 36" clearance from combustible surfaces
- Chimney flue should be lined and in good condition
- Vents should be made up of heavy gauge stovepipe
- Allow 18" clearance for the vent
- Use seasoned wood to burn
- Burn small hot fires
- Use clean newspaper and kindling to start fire
- Do not use flammable substances or trash to start fires
- Dispose of ashes in non-combustible containers

Pellet Stove Safety

- Have the unit professionally installed
- Avoid buying a first generation stove

Fireplace Safety

- Install a removable cap on the chimney
- Avoid using flammable liquids or garbage to start a fire
- Clean out all flammable materials near the fireplace
- Use seasoned wood to burn
- Use non-combustible containers to remove ashes
- Never leave a burning fire unattended**

Kerosene Heaters

- Use proper fuel
- Do not overfill
- Refuel heater outside after it has cooled
- Store kerosene outside
- Properly ventilate the heater
- Never leave the heater unattended**

Space Heaters

- Purchase with automatic shut-off feature
- Turn off at night or when leaving
- Do not use extension cords
- Place the space heater on a firm and stable surface
- Properly ventilate
- Never leave the heater unattended**

*NYCM Insurance recommends **not** using Space Heaters or Kerosene Heaters because of the fire safety concerns as well as the risk of personal injury especially to young children.*

Make Your Home a Safer Place...

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