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**THE GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES SPACE HEATER SAFETY**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – The Glendale Fire Department is reminding residents to be safe when using space heaters after a recent house fire. The Glendale Fire Department encourages residents to take these life-saving steps to ensure their home is safe:

- Always turn your space heater off before going to sleep
- Keep space heater at least 3 feet away from anything combustible like furniture, bedding, clothing, etc.
- Always place heater on flat, sturdy non-combustible surfaces like ceramic tile
- Keep heater away from children and pets
- Never place gasoline in a kerosene heater, even small amounts greatly increase the risk of fire
- Propane space heaters should never be used indoors or where natural ventilation is not available
- If you leave the room, turn your space heater off
- Make sure your space heater is designed for indoor use and has been certified by a recognized testing laboratory (such as Underwriters Laboratory UL) using the latest safety standards
- If you are looking to purchase a space heater, consider one with a build in “tip-over-switch”; this is designed to shut off the heater when knocked over

**WHO:** Glendale Fire Department

**WHAT:** Space Heater Safety

**WHY:** With chilly night-time temperatures in the Valley, keep your family safe while heating your home!

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