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THE GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTES SPACE HEATER SAFETY

Glendale, Ariz. — Home heating equipment is the leading cause of home fire fatalities, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and with half of all home heating fires occurring during the months of December, January, and February the Glendale Fire Department is reminding residents to be safe when using space heaters. Residents are encouraged 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 such as 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 built-in “tip-over-switch” this will shut off the heater if knocked over

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