



## CHECK YOUR HOTSPOTS

### THIS WINTER

#### Hallway

Always have a working smoke alarm between the living and sleeping areas of your home

Battery operated smoke alarms must have the battery changed once a year – at the end of daylight saving

Test and clean your smoke alarms regularly

#### Heaters

Check your heater before you use it for the first time each winter

Keep clothing, curtains and toys at least one metre from your heater

Always make sure there's an adult around when you use heaters

#### Candles

Keep away from curtains and windows

Don't put directly on wood or plastic

Use only when an adult is watching

#### Electric blankets

Don't use if the wires are damaged

Check the blanket carefully for burn spots

Make sure the blanket isn't bunched up

Turn on no more than 30 minutes before bed

Turn off before you get into bed

#### Open fire place

Always place a screen in front of an open fire

Put fires out before going to bed or going out

Keep clothing, curtains and toys at least one metre from your fireplace

Always make sure there's an adult around when you use the fire

#### Front door

Never deadlock yourself in your home

Develop and practice your home escape plan – have two ways to escape from each room

Deadlocks should have the keys left in them when you are home

#### Lounge room

Don't overload power points

Only use one appliance for each outlet on a powerboard

Replace damaged power cords

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#### Kitchen

Know how to use your fire blanket and extinguisher

Never leave cooking unattended

Keep pot handles turned inwards so they can't be knocked over

#### Laundry

Clean the lint filter on your clothes dryer every time you use it

Let the dryer complete its cycle – cool down is essential

