

# HOME SAFETY TIPS *for fall.*

**Be careful with space heaters.** Small as they are, these handy appliances are very powerful.

- Never leave it unattended.
- Keep it away from furniture and drapes.
- Only plug it directly into the wall.
- Place it on a flat, level surface.
- Unplug and safely store it when not in use.

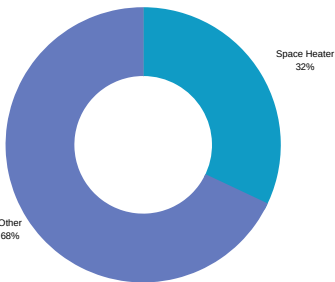
**If you are planning to install wood-heating** appliances, such as a stove or circulator, using a new or existing flue, you must follow manufacturer and company guidelines. Most house fires involving wood stoves are the result of improper installation and operation.

**Decorate for the holidays safely** by replacing damaged electrical products, checking decorations for the mark of accreditation, and avoiding overloading sockets with multiple lights.

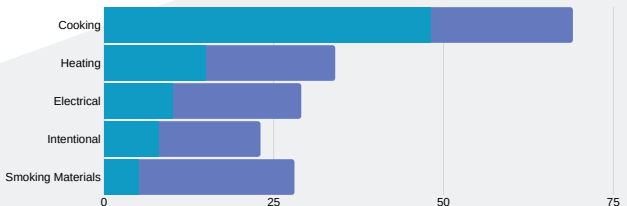
**Never run extension cords** under carpets, through doorways, or anywhere they may be damaged by furniture or people.

**Before you start up the stove** to prepare your fall-favorites, take a look at these cooking safety tips:

- **Do not leave your stove** unattended when cooking.
- **Use extreme caution** when cooking with hot grease.
- **Keep a fire extinguisher** handy when cooking or grilling.
- **Store your grill** in the garage, breezeway, carport, porch, under an awning, or under any surface that cannot catch fire.
- **Never use gasoline** or kerosene to light a fire. Both can cause an explosion.



**32%** of home heating fires are caused by **space heaters**.



**Cooking and heating** are among the top causes of home fires and subsequent fatalities.