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# FIREPLACE SAFETY TIPS

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Make certain that the **damper is open** and the **chimney is clear** prior to lighting a wood, pallet, or gas fire.



All chimneys should have a **rain cap and spark arrester** to prevent roof fires



Always have a **sturdy tool set** close to the fire for tending.



**Keep matches and lighters hidden** from small children.



Have either a **glass or close-mesh screen** in front of a wood burning fire to contain sparks.



Place furniture and your Christmas tree **at least four feet away** from the fireplace.



Any **decoration or stockings** should hang **at the sides** of the mantle.



For the sake of the environment and possible floating sparks, **never burn wrapping paper or other items** in your hearth.



Always **watch young children** when a fire is going. Fire is very attractive.



**Teach your children** to leave the fireplace tending to you.



**Check your smoke detectors** for fresh batteries regularly.



Always **follow manufacturers' instructions** for any of your hearth products.