

# Keep safe in the Winter

**Did you know that in 2016-2017 there were over 100 fires in Welsh homes caused by heating equipment?**

## Heating your home

### Open fires

- Be careful when using open fires and log burners. Make sure you always use a fire guard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers
- Make sure embers are under control and properly put out before you go to bed
- Keep chimneys and flues clean and well maintained
- Don't store logs or fuel next to open fires and log burners

**For more information on chimney safety visit [www.nacs.org.uk](http://www.nacs.org.uk).**

### Using portable heaters

- Keep heaters away from curtains and furniture and never use them for drying clothes
- Always unplug electric heaters when you go out or go to bed