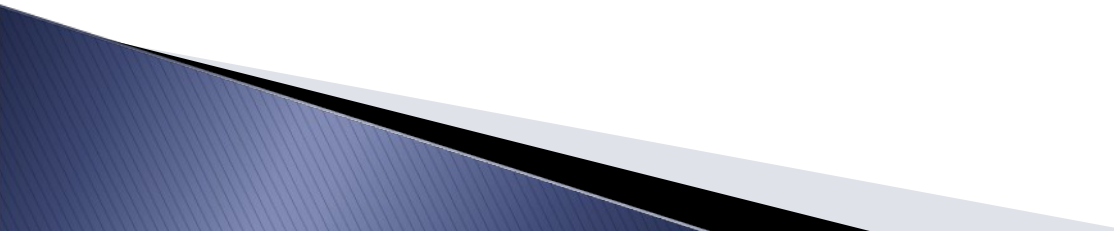


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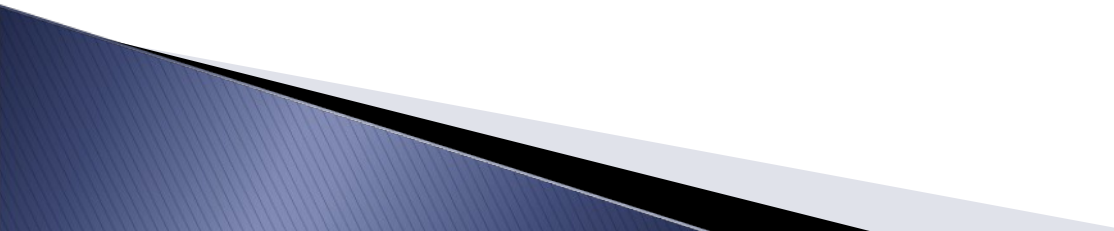
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**For the personal safety of you and your family please observe the following safety tips:**

- ▶ Use fireplace, wood stoves, or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside and does not leak flue gas into the indoor air space.
- ▶ Never use a gas-powered generator indoors, inside the garage or near air intake of your house because of the risk of carbon monoxide.
- ▶ Do not charcoal or gas grills indoors. They produce deadly carbon monoxide fumes as well.

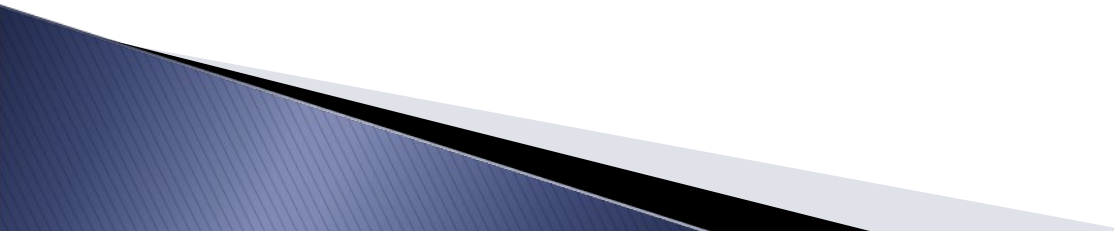
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- ▶ Never place space heaters close to flammable objects, such as drapes or bedding.
  - ▶ Never place space heater on top of furnace or near water.
  - ▶ Check the space heater for sufficient ventilation and wire conditions.
  - ▶ Check extension cords for breaks or fraying..
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- ▶ Leave the cabinet doors leading to plumbing open as well as leaving all taps where there will be a slight, but continual drip in order to keeps pipes from freezing.
  - ▶ Dress in layered clothing and wear some kind of head cover.
  - ▶ Check on the elderly and infirmed.
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- ▶ Keep pets inside, when necessary to walk them; do so on the grass, not the cold sidewalk..
- ▶ Protect livestock and other animals with adequate shelter, extra feed and supplemental heat.
- ▶ Bring potted plants inside..
- ▶ Cover outdoor plants with burlap or cloth. Cold will penetrate plastic.

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- ▶ **Here are the warning signs of hypothermia. If you notice any of these signs, take the person's temperature. If it is below 95 degrees, get medical attention immediately.**
- ▶ **Adults:**
  - shivering, exhaustion
  - confusion, fumbling hands
  - memory loss, slurred speech
  - drowsiness
- **Infants**
  - bright red, cold skin
  - very low energy

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## **If medical attention is not available immediately:**

- ▶ Get the victim into a warm room or shelter.
- ▶ If the victim has on any wet clothing, remove it.
- ▶ Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck, head, and groin—using an electric blanket, if available. Or use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels, or sheets.

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- ▶ Warm beverages can help increase the body temperature, but do not give alcoholic beverages. Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person.
- ▶ After body temperature has increased, keep the person dry and wrapped in a warm blanket, including the head and neck.

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Thank You

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