You can prevent a portable heater fire in your home this winter by following a few fire safety steps:

• Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

• Keep anything that can burn such as bedding, clothing and curtains at least three feet away.

• Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory and with an automatic shut-off so that if they tip over, they shut off.

• Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.