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Fireplace Safety Tips

The Kearney Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind homeowners of some fireplace safety tips:

- Have chimneys cleaned and inspected prior to the burning season.
- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood. Do not use charcoal or paper.
- Never use gasoline, charcoal lighter fluid, or other fuel to light the fire. Vapors could explode.
- Ensure combustibles are kept a safe distance from the fireplace or stove.
- Always use a screen around a fireplace to keep sparks from flying out.
- Place discarded ashes in a metal container and moisten the ashes with water.
- Never dump ashes until they have been wet and had at least four days to cool. (It is still possible to have hot ashes. YOU MUST VERIFY!)
- Keep containers with ashes in them outside and away from structures.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Fire Department at (308) 233-3203. Safety literature is available by calling the Fire Department.

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