



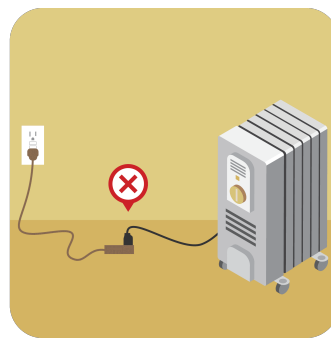
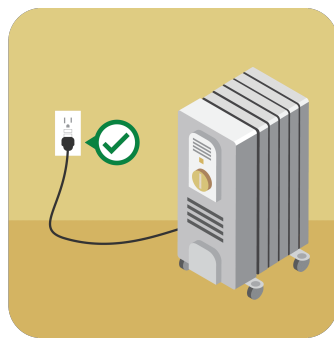
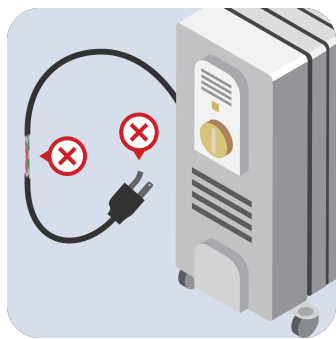
Dighton Fire

Monthly Newsletter

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Cold Weather is Upon Us

Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. If you must use a space heater for heat, use it as safely as possible. When buying a heater, choose one that has been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company, such as Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Do not use your stove to heat your home.



Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. Smoke alarms should be tested once a month.

Using a Space Heater

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DISTANCE

Keep space heaters 3 feet away from drapes, furniture, and other things that can burn.

2

DIRECT

Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets. Do NOT use an extension cord.

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DILIGENCE

Never leave a space heater unattended or running while you sleep.

December Recap



Ambulance Calls

72



Fire Calls

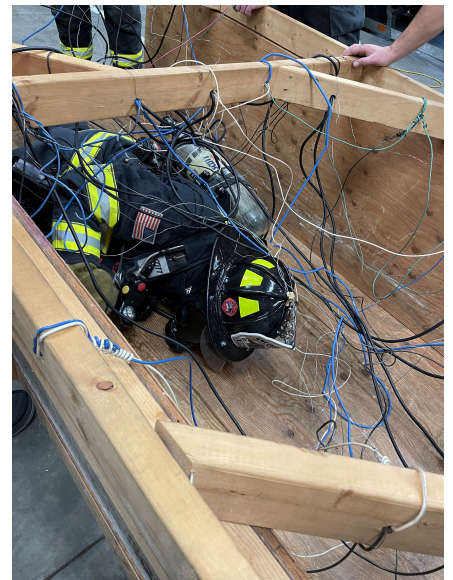
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The Dighton Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy New Year!

Training Corner

December Training

One of our trainings this month focused on different methods of self-rescue. Firefighters may find themselves trapped in a room where they cannot use conventional methods (a door or window) to escape and may need to breach a wall to move into a safe adjacent room. We learned and practiced different methods to get through the slim opening between studs with all of our gear and SCBA tank on. We also practiced freeing ourselves from the entanglement prop. This prop simulates what could happen if a ceiling with wires falls on top of a firefighter. There are many places on our SCBA tank and turnout gear that can get tangled up in wires. We practiced different techniques to disentangle ourselves from the wires. In both self-rescue scenarios, we also practiced giving mayday reports over the radio. A mayday is used to activate a team of firefighters to assist a distressed firefighter in a life-threatening emergency.



Class is in Session

A big thank you to Dighton Elementary School's 1st grade for inviting us into their classrooms in December to teach about fire safety. Students learned how and when to stop, drop, and roll; about different sounds made by smoke alarms; how to crawl low under smoke; and what a firefighter looks and sounds like in a fire.

