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Department urges caution using portable heaters

(Georgetown) – The Georgetown City Fire Department is urging residents to use caution with heaters.

- Be sure to keep a safe distance between heaters and combustible materials such as bed linens and clothing. Don't place heaters too close to beds or chairs. A space of 36 inches should separate heaters from combustible materials.
- Never refill kerosene heaters inside your home and be sure to wait for the heater to cool down before refueling. Never use any fuel other than clear kerosene. Don't let children play around heaters and never allow a child to refuel a heater.
- Unvented heaters should be avoided, but if you have to use them make sure some fresh air is available by slightly raising a window. Unvented kerosene or gas heaters can produce high concentrations of deadly carbon monoxide gas.
- Don't overstuff wood heaters or fireplaces. High heat fires can cause chimneys and flues to overheat and cause fire to break out in walls, ceilings or attics.
- Check your smoke detector now, and your carbon monoxide detector if you have one. Make sure they are operating properly.
- Call for help. If you have an emergency dial 911. If you just need to ask a question, call us at 545-4200.

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