Remember to change filters in central heating units, keep furniture away from wall heaters, and make sure smoke detectors have fresh batteries.

Other fire safety reminders:

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Electricity: when replacing light bulbs, don't exceed wattage recommendations.

- **Fire extinguishers:** keep one on each floor of your house, and make sure they're charged.
- **Smoke detectors:** place one on every level of your home, and replace batteries regularly.
- **Halogen floor lamps:** keep fabrics away from these hot-burning bulbs.
- **Kitchen safety:** never open an oven door if you see flames, and turn panhandles inward.
- **Smoking safety:** never smoke in bed; keep matches and lighters away from children.
- **Space heaters:** never leave them on while sleeping, and keep away from flammables.
- **Dryer vents:** clean lint from your vent and hose regularly.
- **Wood/coal stoves:** check for creosote build-up, and don't overload the stove.
- **Furnace:** have your heating system inspected annually.
- **Fireplace:** keep the fireplace and chimney clean, and use a screen to catch embers.
- **Escape plan:** plan two ways out of each room; practice evacuation with your family.