



Lakewood Fire District No. 1

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HEATING APPLIANCES

The Lakewood Board of Fire Commissioners in conjunction with Fire Chief Jonathan Yahr, Fire Prevention Coordinator Jacob Woolf, and the members of the Lakewood Fire Department express their sincere sympathy to all involved in Sunday's five alarm fatal fire in the Bronx. If using a space heater while you brave this week's freezing temperatures, keep yourself and your family safe by following these safety tips:

- Be sure to keep your space heater at least 3 ft. from bedding, curtains and other materials and do not leave them unattended.
- Avoid using electric space heaters in the bathroom or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Never use an extension cord with a space heater, and turn off/unplug the heater when you leave the room.
- Purchase a space heater with a thermostat and automatic shut-off, and make sure it includes the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) mark.
- The use of Portable Kerosene Heaters is illegal in the State of New Jersey in all occupancies except one- and two-family dwellings. The Lakewood Fire Department does not recommend them and strongly discourages their use in any dwelling because of the dangers associated with them.

Remember that smoke detectors provide early warning of a fire, allowing extra time to escape, and as a result, substantially reducing the risk of injury and/or death in residential fire. Smoke detectors should be located outside each separate sleeping area and on every floor of one's home including the basement. Carbon monoxide detectors should be located outside each separate sleeping area. A few minutes should be spent each and every month to test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are operational.