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Fire Prevention and Safety Tips

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House fires happen the most during the winter months, with heating equipment being the primary cause of fire-related deaths in Hiroshima for the last decade. This winter, please be sure to practice fire safety in order to minimize the risk of fire.

Safety tips to avoid heating equipment fires:

- Do not leave things on heaters or stovetops
- Turn off heaters or stoves when you leave the room or go to sleep
- Extinguish flames and turn off stoves before refueling
- Extinguish flames and turn off stoves before moving them
- Do not let children play near heaters or stoves and keep them away from heating equipment
- Clean and check the condition of your heating equipment before using it



Be sure to exercise caution as improper operation of electrical appliances, such as microwave ovens and induction heating (IH) stoves, may also result in a fire.

Microwave ovens

Sparks in microwave ovens can cause fires! Don't heat materials that are not for use in microwave ovens.

- Do not cook food for a long period of time
- Do not heat materials that are not microwave safe, such as metal (aluminum) foil-wrapped frozen food and instant food in pouches.

IH stoves

Do not overheat IH cooking stoves as excessive temperatures can cause fires.

- Use cookware that is suitable for induction cooking
- Use the appropriate quantity of oil (i.e., do not cook things with only a small quantity of oil)
- Do not place objects such as a cooking paper between the induction hob and the cookware



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