



FACT SHEET 2

STORED ENERGY IN FUELS

Fire Safety

The best way to practice fire safety is to make sure that a fire does not break out in the first place. That means you should always be aware of potential hazards in your home.

Portable Heaters/Paraffin burners/Heaters

The number of fires always goes up during colder months. Before plugging in your space heater, make sure you know how to use it safely:

- Carefully read the directions for its use.
- Never place a space heater where a child or pet could accidentally knock it over.
- Never place a heater too close to a bed.
- Keep newspapers, magazines, and fabrics from curtains, clothes, or bedding away from heaters.
- Heaters should be at least 3 metres from anything flammable.



Only wood should be used to make a fire. Paper and other materials can escape while burning and ignite nearby items. Never leave a fire burning unattended and make sure a fire is completely extinguished before going to bed.

Beware of Cigarettes!

Cigarettes can set furniture alight, cause veld fires and burn people.

Matches and Lighters

Children should not play with matches and lighters. This may lead to deaths and injuries, especially for children younger than 5. Always keep matches and lighters out of young children's reach because they do not know how to use them properly. Store flammable materials such as gasoline, paraffin, oil and flammable cleaning supplies out of children's' reach.

