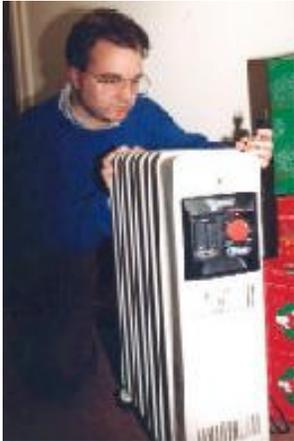




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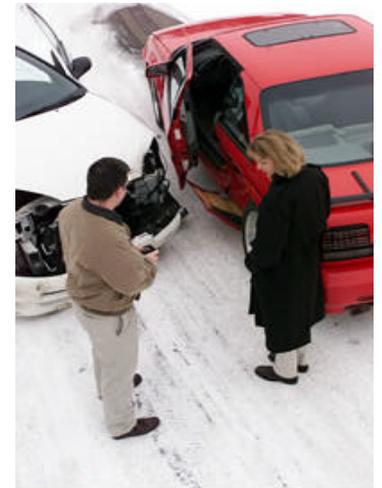
Winter Safety Tips



Portable Heaters: According CNFJINST 11320.2A, personnel should not use portable heaters in military facilities or in office spaces. Fire Department permission is required for each specific location where such equipment is to be regularly used. However, if you live off base, and use the portable heaters at home, give at least 36 inches of empty space between the heater and anything else. Vacuum and clean the dust and lint from all heaters before use. Check the cord on portable electric heaters. If the cord gets hot, is frayed or cracked have the heater serviced. Never use extension cords with portable electric heaters. Turn off the portable heaters when family members leave the house or are sleeping.



Driving In Winter Weather: Before winter arrives, have your car tuned up, check the level of antifreeze, make sure the battery is good, and check your tire treads or put on snow tires. Keep emergency gear in your car, such as cell phone, flashlight, jumper cables, sand or kitty litter (for traction), ice scraper, snowbrush, small shovel and blanket. Listen to FEN (AM 810) radio station for updated weather conditions. When it snows, SLOW DOWN. Ice is slippery. Even if you are driving at 20 MPH, you can lose control quickly on icy roads.



Walking in a Winter Wonderland: Dress in layers and wear boots with nonskid soles. Wear a bright scarf or hat or reflective gear so drivers can see you. Walk on sidewalks if possible. If sidewalks are covered in snow and ice and you must walk in the street, walk against the flow of traffic and as close to the curb as you can. When crossing the street, before you step off the curb, make sure on coming cars and trucks have come to a complete stop.

