

# Winter Safety Tips for Homeowners & Renters

With winter around the corner, AMERIND is committed to sharing knowledge, helping you to identify risks and remove hazards. Your safety is important to us at AMERIND and prevention is the key.



## Freezing Pipe Safety

- ▲ **Keep a steady drip.** Maintain a continuous drip of water from one faucet in your home, preferable a sink farthest from where the water comes into the house.
- ▲ **Open your cabinets.** Keep cabinet doors open under sinks.
- ▲ **Insulate your pipes.** Use heat tape, foam, or rubber insulation to protect your pipes.
- ▲ **Outdoor faucets.** Cover hose bibs with hose bib cover.



## Fireplace Safety

- ▲ **Clean your chimney** at least once a year.
- ▲ Always use a **fireplace screen.**
- ▲ **Use a metal container for ashes** and make sure ashes are cool before putting them in container.



## Space Heater Safety

- ▲ **Follow the 3-Foot Rule** - Avoid placing a space heater within 3 feet of anything flammable; curtains, papers, furniture, etc.).
- ▲ **Do not leave your space heater unattended.**
- ▲ **Plug your space heater into a wall outlet.** Do not use an extension cord!