



# CSI Fire Equipment Company

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## Facts and Figures

- About 1/3rd of the 3,250 home-fire deaths in 1998 occurred during the winter months.
- Each year, more than 200 Americans die from carbon monoxide poisoning.
- In 1998, 131,000 motor vehicle crashes occurred during sleet and snowy conditions.
  - 30,000 resulted in injuries and more than 600 resulted in deaths.
- Snow blowers are the fourth leading cause of finger amputations associated with consumer products.
  - These machines cause more than 5,300 emergency department visits and 1,000 amputations each year.
  - Nine deaths related to snow blowers have been reported since 1992.
- Each year, more than 700 people die of hypothermia (low body temperature) caused by extended exposure to cold temperatures both indoors and out.
- Fireplaces or chimneys rank first in the number of fires among types of heating equipment. Most of these were caused by creosote build-up.
- Space heaters were involved in 25% of the home heating fires but resulted in 74% of the deaths.
  - The leading cause of space heater fires was combustibles too close to the heater, except for fixed electric space heaters, where the leading cause was equipment unattended.

## Links to More Facts and Figures

- [NFPA Cooking Fire Facts](#)
- [NFPA Electrical Fire Facts](#)