

GAS FIREPLACE, STOVE, AND INSERT GLASS SAFETY

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Each year, millions of people enjoy the warmth, comfort, and beauty of modern gas fireplaces, stoves, and inserts. Today, many of these appliances have glass to enhance the beauty of the fire.

While gas fireplaces, stoves, and inserts are great assets to any home, the glass can become extremely hot during and even long after operation. Therefore, it's important to remember that touching the hot glass can lead to serious, irreversible burns.

Safety Tips When Operating Your Appliance

To minimize the chance of burn injuries from hot glass, follow these safety tips and exercise caution—always consider glass as potentially hot.

For Households with Children and At-Risk Individuals

- Always supervise children, the aged, infirm, or pets near an operating gas fireplace, stove, or insert—or one that has recently been turned off.
- Keep the remote control (if your appliance has one) out of the reach of children.
- Install a switch lock to prevent children from turning on the appliance.

General Safety Tips

- Make sure family members and guests are aware that the glass on a gas fireplace, stove, or insert can be very hot.
- Wait for the appliance and glass to cool down before allowing anyone to get near it. Cooldown can take a long time—an hour or more.
- Be aware that metal surfaces, such as door frames and grilles, may also get hot.
- Always read the owner's manual and follow instructions.

Tips on Purchasing Aftermarket Safety Products

When shopping for aftermarket safety products, keep these tips in mind:

- If you know the manufacturer and model number of your appliance, contact the manufacturer first; they may have a safety device specific to your unit. Visit HPBA.org/manufacturer-locator for manufacturer contact information.
- Proper fitting of a safety device is important, so ask an expert. Speak with a hearth specialty retailer in your area for advice.
- Use a device that is sturdy and stable so it cannot be unintentionally removed, pushed, or pulled over by a child or pet.

Safety Mandate For New Glass Front Fireplaces

All gas-fired, certified fireplaces manufactured after January 1, 2015 will include a safety screen or protective barrier that must be installed. Rigorous testing will ensure these safety screens and barriers are effective in preventing serious, irreversible burns.

Safety Products for Existing Gas Fireplaces, Stoves, and Inserts

While the Safety Tips can provide an extra margin of safety, there is no substitute for supervision and a



