



ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Air Conditioning Safety Tips

- The National Fire Protection Association estimates that air conditioning units, fans and related equipment were involved in about 7,400 structure fires nationwide, mainly due to mechanical failure or electrical failures.
- Hire a licensed contractor to inspect the unit. A qualified HVAC contractor can help identify potential fire hazards in the unit before a fire occurs. They can also help keep your unit operating in peak performance activity.
- If you choose to service your own AC unit, inspect and maintain electrical-powered equipment regularly for safety.
- Make sure your equipment has the label showing that it is tested by a recognized testing lab.
- Make sure the power to the unit is turned off before servicing an AC unit. Always use protective equipment, including gloves and protective eye wear.
- Before using a ladder to climb onto a roof top, have someone spotting the ladder to help stabilize it and to minimize movement.
- Always face the ladder when ascending or descending and use at least one hand to grasp the ladder.
- The top of the ladder should never be used as a step.
- Never attempt to move, shift or extend a ladder while it's being occupied.
- Never carry an object or load that could cause you to lose your balance.