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## **Safety Tips for RV Living in North Dakota Winters**

Dickinson, ND -

- Use correct heat tape on your pipes and sewer system.
- Make sure proper skirting materials are used to insulate your RV. **DO NOT USE HAY BALES!**
- When the temperature drops there is a chance your pipes could freeze up. If this happens, do not attempt to use an open flame to thaw them out as the potential risk of fire is very high.
- Educate yourself and others living with you about the system you are using to provide heat in your camper. Please ensure that it is a safe and reliable system and your RV is properly ventilated.
- When you are heating with a propane system make sure to monitor the propane supply. Running low is risky and running out is life threatening. You need to schedule the refill of your propane tanks carefully.
- Install a combination carbon monoxide and smoke alarm system in your RV.
- You may choose to use electrical heat, but remember if the power goes out so does your heating system. If you are going to use electrical heaters in your RV, be very careful. These types of heaters need space and monitoring.
- It is a near certainty that your pipes will freeze at some point during the winter. Consider completely winterizing your RV and not intending to use the water or sewer systems.

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