



FIRE SAFETY – PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS

Here is a list of recommended tips and items to consider for space heaters:

- Buy a space heater with automatic shut-off feature for tip overs.
- Do not place heater on table or shelf, unless specifically designed for that.
- Do not leave space heaters running when leaving the room or overnight while sleeping.
- Space heaters are designed for inside or outside use. Make sure your heater is used in the appropriate space.
- Always ensure the cord and plug are in good condition, never cover the cord with flammables like carpet, clothes, or other easily ignitable materials.
- Keep the heater out of high traffic areas.
- Always plug your space heater directly into an outlet, do not use an extension cord to power your space heater. Electrical cords become warm and the failure occurs in the weakest point in the chain, which is normally the extension cord.
- Follow manufacturer's recommendations for safe use.

Space heaters are responsible for 33% of all household fires

Maintain all flammable materials at least 3 feet away from space heaters

Buy heater with a certification from testing laboratory like Underwriters Laboratories (UL)

Make sure all the smoke detectors and fire alarms are working properly. Replace batteries every 6 months.