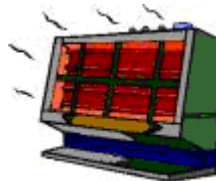




Space Heater Safety



It's no secret: Space heaters are too hot to handle!

As the weather cools off, many people will use space heaters to supplement, or even completely, heat their homes and offices. The list of potential dangers from the use of space heaters is long, and the best advice may be not to use them at all. However, observing some simple precautions can minimize the risk associated with the use of space heaters, including:

- 🔥 Maintain a three-foot clearance on all sides of the heater.
- 🔥 Do not get dressed near heaters.
- 🔥 Do not hang clothing on the heater to dry.
- 🔥 Do not allow lint and dust to accumulate on the heater.
- 🔥 Do not store flammable liquid near the heater.
- 🔥 The heater should have proper guards, grates, grills or glass shields covering the heat source.
- 🔥 Both electric and kerosene heaters must be equipped with automation shut-off switches designed to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- 🔥 Use the right type of fuel for fuel-burning heaters. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS!**
- 🔥 Never refill the fuel tank indoors.
- 🔥 Do not overfill the heater. Fuel oils can expand, overflow and flare up after the unit warms up.
- 🔥 To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, vent the heating unit to the outside. Fuel-burning heaters deplete the oxygen and produce carbon monoxide. If possible, keep a window or door slightly open, and be sure to keep the heater clean.

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