

18 SPACE HEATER Safety Tips

Winter is here. Along with the lower temperatures outside, comes the high energy costs from keeping you warm inside your home. To help cut these costs, many people turn to portable space heaters. These supplemental heaters work great at keeping you warm, but if used improperly, they may also pose a hazard to you and your family.

9 Things You Should Do

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Follow 3ft. Rule

Keep the heater at least 3ft. away from combustible materials, including beds, sofas, curtains, papers, clothes, etc.



Inspect Cords

Make sure the heaters power cord is not damaged or frayed in any way.



Plug is Snug

Make sure the heater is securely plugged into the power outlet. Ensure it does not come loose or fall out.



Keep it Stable

Ensure your heater is on a stable and level surface with minimal risk of it getting knocked over.



Safety Certified

Make sure your space heater has been certified as safe to use. You should see a safety logo on the back somewhere.



Smoke Detectors

Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.



Turn it off

Ensure your unit is turned off when you go to sleep, in a different room, or unable to keep an eye on it.



Train & Teach

It is wise to teach everyone in your household how to properly operate your heater.



Use the Right Fuel

If your space heater requires fuel, make sure you refill it with the right kind.... Or you will most likely cause a fire.

9 Things You Shouldn't Do

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Crowd Your Unit

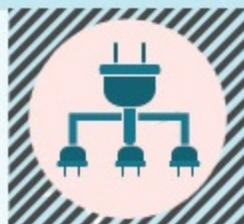
Do not put anything flammable around the front, sides or rear of the heater.



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Extension Cords

Do not use an extension cord or power strip, unless you have absolutely no other choice.



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Hot to the Touch

Do not use heater if the power cord or wall heater feels hot on the touch. Call electrician to inspect.



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Place on Tables

Do not use your heater on top of a table, chair or any surface that is not stable.



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Use Around Water

Do not use or operate your heater near water or if you're wet. You will be shocked as a result. Literally, shocked.



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Cords Under Rugs

Do not run the power cord from your heater underneath carpets, rugs or furniture.



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Know Your Size

Do not use a space heater that is designed for an area larger than you need.



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Keep an Eye Out

Do not allow children to use or operate your heater without proper training and supervision.



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Ventilation

Do not use fuel-burning heaters inside your home. If you do, at least make sure it's properly ventilated.

