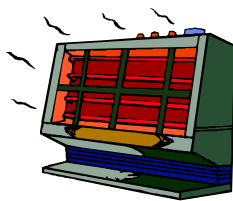


# Space Heater Safety



Only space heaters tested and listed by an independent laboratory will be permitted to be used. The following guidelines **MUST** be followed to reduce the chance of fire:

1. **Give space heaters space:** Maintain a 3 foot clearance from anything that can burn -at all times.
2. **Plug it in:** Plug directly into an outlet- NEVER use with extension cords or power strips.
3. **Turn it off:** Turn the space heater off when you leave the room.
4. **Shut it down:** Unplug the space heater from the outlet every night before leaving.

Why....?

- Space heaters frequently CAUSE FIRES when not used properly
- Space heaters are UN-GREEN; they add significantly to a building's energy consumption
- Space Heaters are FISCALLY WASTEFUL; they add to our electric bill.
- Space Heaters often compromise or DEFEAT the building's main HEATING design; space heaters create extra 'pockets' of warmth in a building, often fooling the heating system into thinking the entire building is already warm enough....thereby preventing it from "kicking on".

**Be especially careful with space heaters at home.**

Space heaters account for 73% of the fire deaths related to home heating, 58% of all home heating fires, and 51% of the associated property damage.