



## Portable Space Heater Safety

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**Portable space heaters are behind 81 percent of deadly home heating fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association**



- ✓ All heaters should be Underwriters Listed (UL) or Factory Mutual approved for their intended use
- ✓ Space heaters must be of the ceramic heater style
- ✓ Heaters must have a thermostat to automatically shut down the unit when the desired temperature is achieved
- ✓ Heaters must be kept at least 3 feet (36 inches) from all combustible materials
- ✓ If renting an apartment, check with your landlord to determine if you can operate one in your unit
- ✓ When unit is tipped over it should automatically shut off until put back into the upright position

### Safe Operations

- ✓ Do not place heaters under desk or other enclosed areas
- ✓ Do not sleep with your unit operating. Heaters must be monitored when in operation
- ✓ Keep portable heaters away from exit ways, stairwells and doorways
- ✓ Do not use heaters in rooms that will not be continually occupied
- ✓ Plug heater directly into a wall receptacle (outlet). Never plug unit into an extension cord
- ✓ Do not use portable space heaters if small children are expected in area
- ✓ Do not use space heaters in wet areas like bathrooms or kitchens