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.