Portable Space Heater Safety

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

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