

Space heater safety tips: give your space heater some space

It's a great time to review some heating safety tips with everyone. Space heaters may be convenient, but it is important to be aware of how to use them safely.

Portable space heaters can be traced to many fires, injuries and even deaths. These can be prevented!

If you decide to use a space heater, keep the following tips in mind:

1. All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, such as a portable space heater
2. Turn off heaters and unplug them the electrical outlet when you leave the room.
3. Do not plug space heaters into extension cords.

Always check with your employer before placing a space heater into service at your workplace. Some space heaters will cause excess drain on the electrical system which can cause overload and fire. Additionally, space heaters often disrupt the buildings normal heating system and thermostats.