

# SAFETY ALERT

## Space Heater Safety

- \* Only space heaters that have been safety tested and UL approved may be used. Older space heaters may not meet newer safety standards.
- \* Make sure the unit is equipped with an emergency tip-over shut-off feature and heating element guards.
- \* Read and follow all of the manufacturer's instructions for operation and care.
- \* Portable electric space heaters shall be placed a minimum of three (3) feet from any combustible material (e.g. paper, cloth, fuel, spray cans, paint, etc.) and in a well-ventilated area.
- \* Remember to keep space heaters at least three feet from combustible liquids like fuel, spray cans and pain.
- \* Never use a heater with a damaged cord. Inspect the heater and cord to ensure that it is operating in a safe manner and showing no signs of wear or damage.
- \* Insure that the heater is placed on a stable, level surface, and located where it will not be knocked over.
- \* Never leave space heaters unattended. Portable electric space heaters shall be turned off and unplugged when not in use, and at the end of each business day.
- \* Never use extension cords or a power strip with a space heater, and do not plug into the same circuit as other electric appliances. This can cause overheating and result in a fire.
- \* To prevent electrical shocks and electrocutions, always keep electric heaters away from water, and NEVER touch an electric heater if you are wet.



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