Space Heaters

The University recognizes that individuals have different levels of comfort associated with temperature and heat. The use of electric space heaters as a temporary measure is permitted, if the following guidelines are followed:

1. Where permitted, owners/users of space heaters are responsible for their proper use.

2. Space heaters must be electrically powered. Fuel powered (propane, kerosene) space heaters are not permitted. Space heaters must not take more than 110 volts of electricity to operate.

3. Any space heater used must be currently UL (Underwriters Laboratory) approved.

4. Approved space heaters must be fan driven. Space heaters with heated coils are not permitted.

5. Space heaters must have a thermostat that shuts unit off when a certain temperature is reached.

6. Space heaters must have a tip-over shutdown feature. If a space heater is knocked over, the unit must automatically shut off.

7. Space heaters should always be plugged into a wall receptacle, not into an extension cord.

8. Space heaters must always be turned off and unplugged when the area being heated is not occupied.

9. Space heaters should be located in plain sight and clearly visible.

10. Space heaters must be kept at least 3 feet away from any combustible material.

11. Nothing should ever be placed on top of or touching a space heater.

12. Space heaters are not allowed in residence halls.

13. Hot plates and toaster ovens should never be used for space heating.

14. Do not use space heaters or any other electric appliance around water.

15. Environmental Health & Safety reserves the right to inspect, declare "unapproved", and remove any space heater that creates a hazard or is inappropriate to a particular location based on specific circumstances, or code and/or legal requirements.

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