

Portable Space Heaters: A Heads Up!

It is only natural to want to stay toasty warm on long winter nights and one way we do this is by using space heaters to add extra heat. As handy as space heaters are, they can be a hazard if improperly used so it is important to follow the manufacturer's instructions and always remember to **stay safe while you stay warm.**

Space Heater Safety Tips

- Only purchase or use electric space heaters that have been certified by a recognized regulatory body such as CSA (Canadian Standards Association).
- Never leave an operating space heater unattended and always turn off space heaters before leaving the room.
- Supervise children and pets at all times when a portable space heater is I use.
- Use proper fuel in kerosene space heaters.
- When suing a space heater that burns fuel such as kerosene or propane, always ensure that it is approved for indoor use.
- Never use space heaters to dry flammable items such as clothing or blankets.
- Keep all flammable objects at least one metre from space heaters.
- If you use an extension cord make sure it is the right size and gauge to carry the electrical load being drawn by the space heater.
- Never use an electrical space heater in a wet area or any areas that may be exposed to water.