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# Electric Heater Safety Tips

Keeping you safe in your home

Portable electrical space heaters can be a convenient way of providing extra warmth in your home. Unfortunately, they can also pose significant fire and electric shock hazards if they are not used properly.

Here's a few tips to help you use electric space heaters safely.

## Things you should do

- Make sure your heater has a label that shows it is certified as safe
- Read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels carefully
- Inspect your heater for cracked and broken plugs or loose connections before each use. If frayed, worn or damaged do not use
- Place your heater on a stable and flat surface where there is minimum risk of it being knocked over
- Keep your heater at least 1 meter away from things that can easily catch fire such as clothes, curtains, rugs, furniture and you.



### Remember!

You should have a smoke alarm in your home and you should be testing it weekly.

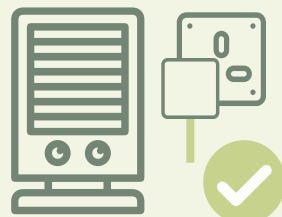
Get it. Install it. Check it. **Smoke alarms save lives.**

# Things you shouldn't do

- **DO NOT** put anything flammable around the front, sides or rear of your heater
- **DO NOT** use an extension cord or power strip unless you absolutely have to. These could cause the plug in wall socket to overheat and cause a fire
- If you have to use an extension cable or power strip - never overload by plugging in appliances that together will exceed maximum rating stated for the extension lead
- **DO NOT** place the heater on top of a table, chair or any other surface that is not stable
- **DO NOT** operate your heater near water, anything that is damp or if you're wet
- **DO NOT** run the power cord from your heater underneath carpets, rugs or furniture
- **DO NOT** use the heater to dry clothes, warm bedding, cook food or thaw pipes
- **DO NOT** leave the heater on whilst sleeping
- **DO NOT** leave children, the elderly or those with impaired mobility unattended around the heater.



## Know your limits



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