



GIVE YOUR HEATER SOME SPACE

Space heaters are a great way to warm up a cold room or provide supplemental heat to your home. But while convenient, they are also a leading cause of home fires during the winter months. If you're going to use a space heater, here are a few tips to make sure you stay extra warm – and safe. *

Do's

- Use only equipment that is made for home heating. Use all types of heaters carefully and follow all directions for safe use.
- Use a space heater that has been tested to the latest safety standards and has been certified by a nationally recognized laboratory. These heaters have the most up-to-date safety features. Older space heaters may not meet newer safety standards.
- Place the heater on a level, hard, nonflammable surface, such as a ceramic tile floor.
- Make sure space heaters are at least three feet away from bedding, drapes, furniture and other flammable materials.
- Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside of sleeping areas and inside each bedroom.
- Utilize a carbon monoxide detector.

Don'ts

- Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep.
- Don't place a space heater close to any sleeping person, bedding, furniture, drapes or other flammable materials.
- Never use gasoline in a kerosene space heater, as even small amounts of gasoline mixed with kerosene can increase the risk of fire.
- Never use your oven, grill or clothes dryer to heat your home. This could cause a fire or dangerous carbon monoxide gas, which produces deadly, odorless, colorless fumes.

*Includes information from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.