

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY THIS WINTER



# SPACE HEATERS

## SAFETY VS. CONVENIENCE

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With the hustle and bustle of the holidays just ending, we'll do just about anything to make things easier on ourselves. The convenience of electric space heaters are great, but don't forget about safety. Follow these tips to avoid fire and electric shock hazards.

### TIPS FOR SAFE SELECTION & USE OF ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS

- Make sure the space heater has been tested to the latest standards and is certified by a nationally-recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Use only portable space heaters that have an automatic "tip-switch," which will cause it to turn off automatically if the heater is tipped over or not upright.
- Make sure it has a guard around the flame area or heating element.
- Place the heater on a level, hard, nonflammable surface; do not place on rugs or carpets, near bedding or drapes, or on tables or countertops.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet from bedding, drapes, furniture or other flammable items.
- Turn the space heater off if you leave the room, and never leave a space heater on while sleeping or if you leave home.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
- Discard and replace old space heaters that seem worn out. Always check for cracked or frayed cords when pulling them out for the season.

