If used properly, space heaters can provide temporary relief during a cold spell, but should not be considered a permanent solution. To minimize the risk of fire while using a space heater, read and follow the guidelines below.

- Use a space heater that has been certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (UL or ETL).
- Since space heaters may present a fire hazard when tipped over, use space heaters with a tip-over switch. The heater will automatically turn off when tipped over.
- Keep all furniture and combusting items at least 3 feet away.
- Space heaters should not be left on while you are away from your desk or overnight.
- When not in use, space heaters should be unplugged.
- Do not hide cords under rugs or carpets. This may cause the cord to overheat and can cause a fire.
- Do not connect a space heater to an outlet with an extension cord or power strip. This will overload the circuit.
- Occasionally, check the cord to determine if it is very warm or hot. If so, unplug it immediately and call Campus Services.

Disclaimer: All the guidelines listed above are enforceable regulatory codes and are subject to enforcement action by District and Federal Code Enforcement Officers. If you have questions regarding fire & life safety compliance, contact the Office of Environmental Health & Safety.
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