



Portable Heater Safety – Tips to Avoid Fires

Incident Description: During a routine inspection of the corporate office the Kaysville Fire Marshal identified space heaters as an area of improvement and potential risk of fire. Practicing proper space heater fire safety can dramatically reduce the risk of home or office fires.



Immediate Observations:

- ✓ Electric heaters should be plugged directly into the wall outlet.
- ✓ Verify that your heater is equipped with a tip-over safety switch, which automatically shuts off the heater if the unit is tipped over.
- ✓ NEVER leave a space heater plugged in when not in use.
- ✓ Cords have been known to short out and start fires, even when they are powered off.

Safety Performance Tool to Prevent Future Occurrence:

Lessons Learned:

- ✓ **Keep it Level** - Always place the space heater on a hard, level and nonflammable surface.
- ✓ **3-foot Rule** - Ensure the space heater is at least 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- ✓ **Don't Leave it Running** - Never leave a space heater on or plugged in when you leave.
- ✓ **Don't Extend Your Heater** - Never power the heater with an extension cord or power strip.

Personal Safety Assessment

- ✓ Enhance situational awareness
- ✓ Ensure personal safety and the safety of others.
- ✓ Acquaint people with the immediate work area.