

Portable Heater Fire Safety



An estimated 900 portable heater fires in homes are reported to U.S. fire departments each year and cause an estimated 70 deaths, 150 injuries and \$53 million in property loss.

Only 2 percent of heating fires in homes involved portable heaters; however, portable heaters were involved in 45 percent of all fatal heating fires in homes.



Label of a recognized testing laboratory

You can prevent a portable heater fire in your home this winter by following a few fire safety steps:

- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Keep anything that can burn such as bedding, clothing and curtains at least three feet away.
- Only use portable heaters from a recognized testing laboratory and with an automatic shut-off so that if they tip over, they shut off.
- Plug portable heaters directly into outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.



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