



## GUIDELINES FOR PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS ON CAMPUS

Space heaters can be inefficient means of temporary heating and may pose a **severe fire hazard** in the workplace when misused. It is one of the leading causes of fires and carbon monoxide exposures, causing about a third of all structural fires.

### Before Using a Portable Space Heater





### **General Guidelines**

Only one space heater may be plugged into an individual electrical circuit. The use of multiple heaters could overload the electrical circuit and cause injury or property damage.

Space heaters should not be used if they have missing or broken parts, such as knobs, grills, or stands.

Inspect the power cord before using it to make sure the cord is in good, serviceable condition and is not pinched, worn, or frayed.

Always make sure to turn off and unplug space heaters every time an area is vacated.

Space heaters should never be left on while unattended.

