

ENERGY & COMFORT @ WSU

HOT TOPIC: SPACE HEATERS

Per SPPM 8.50, only approved space heaters are allowed in WSU buildings! Here are a few quick tips to ensure your space heater is fire safe:



- Space heaters should use about 200 watts or less of electricity.
- Space heaters must have a tip over off switch.
- Space heaters need to be UL listed.
- Heaters need to be plugged into an electrical receptacle or surge protector.
- Keep combustible materials such as paper away from your space heaters.
- Make sure to turn off heaters at least 15 minutes before you leave work to ensure they have cooled down.
- Never leave a heater unattended.
- An electric radiant type of heater with the elements that glow bright red or orange are not allowed due to extreme fire danger.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact WSU Fire & Safety Compliance Officer Darren Jones at 509-335-4310 or by email at dmjones@wsu.edu.

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REMINDER: Never place a space heating device near your thermostat, as it will alter the heating output of your space. Additional heat from a source such as a space heater can trick your thermostat, making it seem as if the space is too warm, triggering cooling outputs. This can create discomfort for your work neighbors if your thermostat thinks that it is warmer than it actually is within the space!