

Fire Safety Brief

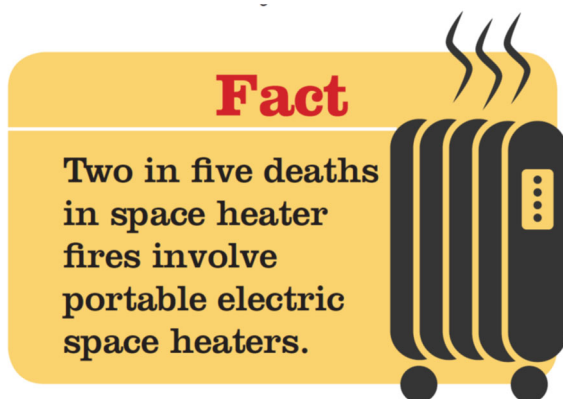
Small Appliance Safety

General Appliance Tips

- ◆ Review the Carilion Clinic Electrical Appliances Policy.
- ◆ Never plug a refrigerator or microwave into a power strip or extension cord.
- ◆ Toasters, toaster ovens, griddles, air fryers, and hot plates of any kind are prohibited.
- ◆ Curling irons and hair dryers are prohibited.
- ◆ Any appliance with exposed or open elements or is known to produce high heat is prohibited.
- ◆ When using allowed small appliances, ensure the area is clear of combustibles.

Space Heater Tips

- ◆ Portable space heaters are to be UL 1278 and not marked “Household Use Only.”
- ◆ Space heaters are to be used in nonsleeping staff and employee areas only.
- ◆ Space heaters are prohibited in smoke compartments containing patient treatment areas and patient or staff sleeping areas. This includes nurses stations and on-call rooms.
- ◆ The heating elements are not to exceed 212°F.
- ◆ Maintain at least three (3) feet from anything that can burn.
- ◆ Never leave a space heater on and unattended.
- ◆ Never plug a space heater into a power strip or extension cord. All heaters shall be plugged directly into a wall outlet.



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