

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that, in 2010, about 16% of house fires were attributable to heating equipment, with space heaters accounting for one-third of those fires. The NFPA also reported that placing items such as clothing or furniture too close to heating equipment was the leading cause of heating fire fatalities.



Especially if you plan on using a space heater or other portable heating device this winter, be sure to make note of these SAFETY TIPS we have collected for your reference:

- Always place your space heater on a flat, level floor.
- Always plug your space heater directly into wall outlets - not into extension cords.
- Always unplug your space heater when you are not using it.
- Never leave a space heater on when you go to sleep.
- Never leave items that can burn within 3 feet of your space heater.
- Always maintain a 3 foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Always look for a label from a nationally recognized testing lab when buying a space heater.

More information is available at these websites:

[FEMA](#)

[Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)

[National Fire Protection Association](#)