

## SMCC Safety Minute - Space Heaters On Campus - November 3, 2022

As colder weather approaches, many of us like to warm our workspace with a space heater.



Before turning on the heat, refresh yourself on the college's procedure for the use of Portable Heaters:

- All portable heaters shall be approved by Facilities.
- Portable electric heaters shall have tip-over protection that automatically shuts the unit off when it falls over.
- There shall be a minimum of three (3) feet between the heater and combustible furnishings or other materials at all times.
- Portable heaters shall not be left plugged in overnight or left “ON” while unattended for more than short periods of time.

Portable Heater use is documented in Section 4.4 of the SMCC Fire Prevention and Emergency Action Plan. This plan is attached for your reference and can be found on the Environmental, Health & Safety portal too (From [mysmcc](#) > Staff > Environmental, Health & Safety).

[Safe space heater use is not just for work! The U.S. Product Safety Commission has sound advice for using space heaters at home.](#)