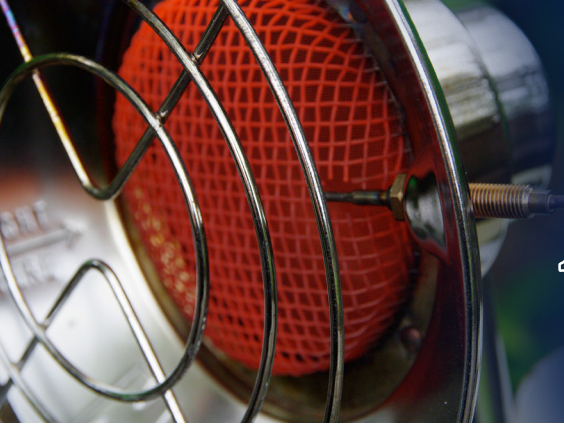


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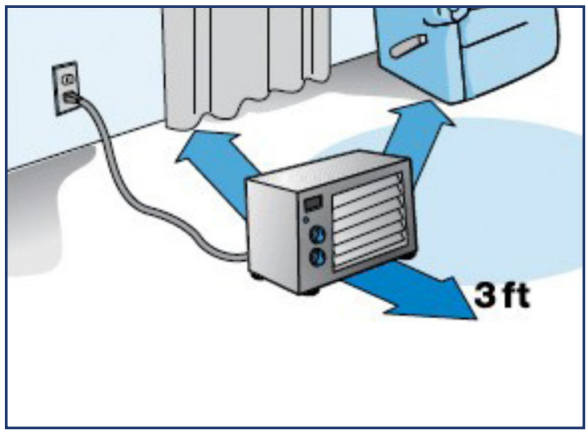
Portable Heaters Need Space!

Portable electric heaters have grown in popularity over the past two decades. While they can be an efficient way to warm a room or supplement central heating, portable electric heaters can also be a fire or electric shock hazard if not used properly. Many of the fires and resulting damage can be prevented by moving portable heaters away from nearby combustible materials and then turning the heater off when not in the room or area.



The 2010 Fire Code of New York State addresses the installation, operation and maintenance of portable electric space heaters in §605.10.

- **605.10.1 Listed and labeled.** Only listed and labeled portable, electric space heaters shall be used.
- **605.10.2 Power supply.** Portable, electric space heaters shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle.
- **605.10.3 Extension cords.** Portable, electric space heaters shall not be plugged into extension cords.
- **605.10.4 Prohibited areas.** Portable, electric space heaters shall not be operated within 3 feet (914 mm) of any combustible materials. Portable, electric space heaters shall be operated only in locations for which they are listed.



Ignoring a warning can cause much mourning.

§605.10 Portable, electric space heaters. Portable, electric space heaters shall comply with Sections 605.10.1 through 605.10.4.