Space Heater Safety
The weather is getting cooler, so now is the time to think about Space Heater Safety. According to UAB Policy, portable space heaters shall be restricted to devices where the heating element is limited to not more than 212°F (100°C), and equipped with a safety "tip-over" switch which disconnects power if the device tips over.

Space heaters must not be used closer than 12 inches to combustible materials such as; paper, curtains, furniture, clothes, trash, etc.

Only heating units labeled as approved by a testing laboratory (U.L. Listed, for example) are approved for use.

Space heaters shall not be used in rooms with flammable liquids or flammable gases.

Space heaters in use must be attended at all times.

The use of extension cords or power strips with space heaters is not allowed.