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 are 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 may 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 must not be used in rooms with flammable liquids or flammable gases.

Do not leave Space heaters unattended while in use.

Space heaters may only be plugged into a permanent electrical outlet. Neither extension cords nor power strips may be used with space heaters.