

Safe & Warm

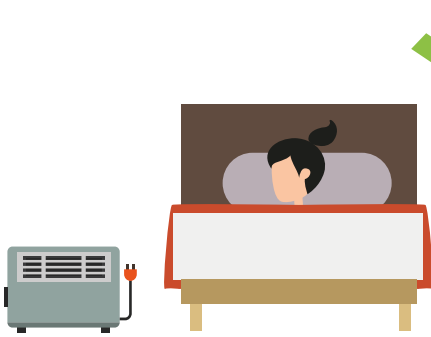


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Portable heaters

Every year over 100 people die and nearly 1,000 are injured in their homes, as a result of fires caused by heating appliances.

Many of these fires involve portable heaters.

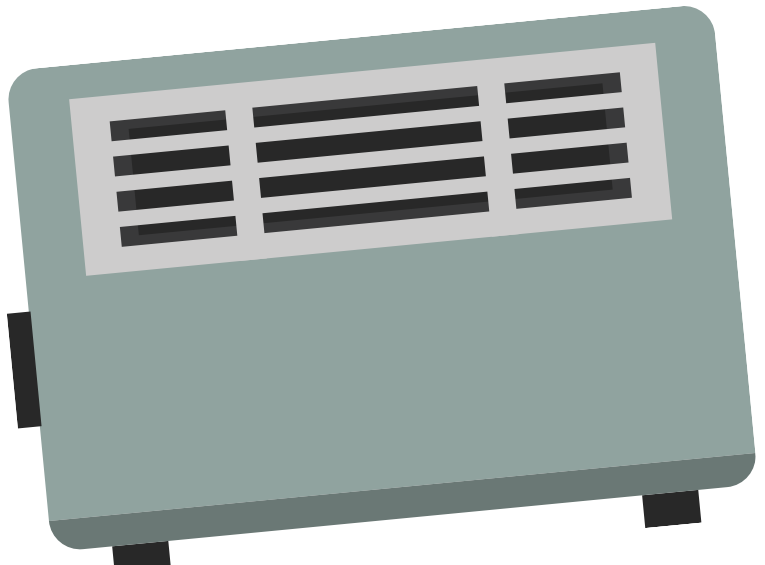


Always turn off before bed



Don't place too close to bedding, curtains and clothing – anything which could catch fire

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions
- If you have any concerns, turn the heater off and consult a qualified electrician

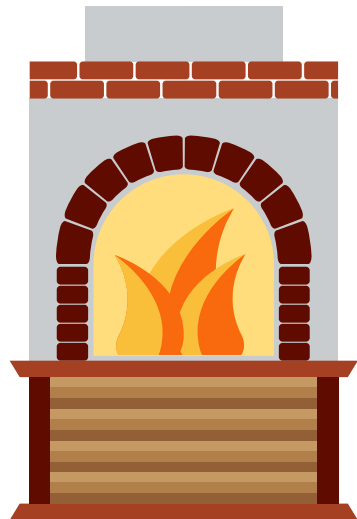


Wood burners and open fires

- Ensure your burner is properly installed, maintained and regularly serviced by a qualified person
- Wood burning stoves should be placed on a fire-resistant base and not directly onto a hardwood floor or carpeted surface
- Ensure you use the right type of wood or coal
- The chimney or flue should be cleaned at the end of each heating season (typically October - February) and at least once during the heating season
- Use a protective fire guard
- Remove ash and burnt fuel once it has cooled

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