

Distributing the Heat

Winter is fast approaching! The coming cooler temperatures often generate questions about the safe use of space heaters at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Office reminds everyone that use of a portable space heater is strongly discouraged and they are strictly prohibited from use in laboratory areas or other areas where chemicals or combustible materials are stored.



Prior to using a portable space heater, please contact Facilities Management at (704) 687 2155 to evaluate your area and adjust the temperature.

- All space heaters must be Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) listed.
- Space must be ceramic or other approved, cool surface heaters.
- Only electric-powered space heaters may be used.
- All heaters must be equipped with an automatic shut-off device in the event a heater is tipped over or overheats.
- A clear area of three feet in all directions of the heater must be maintained and in accordance with the clearances shown on the approval agency label.
- Extension cords must never be used to supply power to the heater.
- Modular furniture electrical systems must be rated to accommodate the additional electrical load supplied to the heater.
- The use of space heaters with hot surfaces or unsealed heating elements is prohibited in state facilities.
- All space heaters must be approved by EH&S prior to use.

Please contact EH&S at sehoffice@email.uncc.edu or 704-687-4291.