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POLICY

It is the policy of Johns Hopkins to limit the use of portable comfort heaters and to eliminate the fire hazard associated with the use of certain types of heaters.

1. Portable comfort heaters are prohibited in all health care occupancies.
2. Portable comfort heaters are allowed in business occupancies at the discretion of departmental administration and/or Facilities Management.
3. The only type of heaters allowed are the oil-filled radiator type, which must be equipped with a safety switch to shut off power if the device tips over. The heater must not exceed 212 degrees F (100 degrees C). Portable comfort heaters shall not be placed in close proximity to combustible materials.

REFERENCES

NFPA 101 Life Safety Code Section 19.7.8

RESPONSIBILITIES

Health, Safety and Environment

Monitor appropriate use of portable comfort heaters during Environmental Monitoring Rounds. Report violations to department administrators.

Departmental Administrators

Enforce this policy.

REVIEW CYCLE

Annually