

# Portable, Electric Space Heaters

Georgia law has the following requirements for portable, electric space heaters:

**IFC 605.10 as amended in 120-3-3: Portable, electric space heaters.** Portable, electric heaters are prohibited in all portions of occupancies in Groups A, E, R-1, R-2, and R-4. Where permitted, portable electric space heaters shall comply with Sections 605.10.1 through 605.10.4.

**605.10 Portable, electric space heaters.** Portable electric space heaters shall comply with sections 605.10.1 through 605.10.4.

**605.10.1 Listed and labeled.** Only listed and labeled portable, electric space heaters shall be used.

**605.10.2 Power Supply.** Portable, electric space heaters shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle.

**605.10.3 Extension Cords.** Portable, electric space heaters shall not be plugged into extension cords.

**605.10.4 Prohibited areas.** Portable, electric space heaters shall not be operated within 3 feet (914 mm) of any combustible materials. Portable, electric space heaters shall only be operated in locations for which they are listed.

Occupancies where space heaters are prohibited include all assembly (50 or more persons), educational (k-12), apartments, dormitories, fraternities / sororities, hotels, boarding houses and all residential care/assisted living occupancies.

## Safety Tips for portable, electric space heaters (where permitted)

1. Read manufacturers instructions and warning labels on heaters before using a heater.
2. Don't leave a heater in use unattended and unplug electrical heaters when not in use.
3. Don't use a power strip or extension cord with your electrical heater.
4. Do not put heater electrical cords under rugs or furniture.
5. Keep everything at least three (3) feet away from heaters.
6. Inspect the heater's electrical cord periodically for wear and tear. If the cord is damaged do not use the heater.
7. Keep all portable heaters away from small children so they don't get burned.
8. Always place portable heaters on a level flat surface to prevent tipping over.
9. Don't refuel a kerosene heater inside your home.
10. Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home.