

# UNT Space Heater Information

Before purchasing a space heater, contact UNT Facilities (940-565-2700), to verify:

- If your area can be made more comfortable by adjusting the HVAC system.
- That the electrical system has been evaluated and approved, by UNT Facilities, to ensure the circuitry will support space heater use.

## Requirements

1. 250 Watts maximum.
2. Electric only.
3. **Tip over cut – off protection.**<sup>1</sup>
4. Purchase a heater with the seal of an independent testing laboratory.<sup>2</sup>
5. Electrical system must be evaluated and approved, by UNT Facilities, to ensure the circuitry will support space heater use.
6. Must be inspected and approved by the UNT EMSS Fire and Life Safety Office.

## Use

1. Must be plugged into the wall. Cannot be plugged into an extension cord of any kind.
2. Must not be operated under or near combustible materials. This means you cannot operate it under a desk.
3. Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
4. Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
5. Turn off and unplug when you leaving the room.

Any questions contact the UNT EMSS Fire and Life Safety Office at 940-565-2109.

<sup>1</sup> You will find heaters that say safety cut-off or over heat cut-off. This does not necessarily meet the criteria. It must be a tip over safety feature.

<sup>2</sup> Have a mark from a nationally recognized testing laboratory showing their Listing or Approval [common marks include Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or FM Global Technologies (FM)]. Other nationally recognized testing laboratories may certify these products. The standard used to investigate space heaters is ANSI/UL 1278. If the testing laboratory mark is other than one of the marks shown below, look for the ANSI/UL 1278 marking. All laboratories will cite the ANSI/UL 1278 standard.



## Fact

Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

