

# CAMPUS **FIRE** FACTS



According to UL and NFPA space heaters are a leading cause of residential fires during the winter months. If your campus allows use of space heaters UL offers the following safety suggestions:

- Space heaters have one function - to provide supplemental heat. Don't use them to warm bedding, or dry clothing.
- Select and only use equipment that has the UL Mark. This mark on the product means that it has been tested and meets an acceptable level of safety.
- Keep things that burn at least 3 feet away from space heaters.
- Turn off space heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Supervise children near space heaters. Even the slightest contact with a heating coil can cause a burn.
- Check electric space heaters for frayed insulation, broken wires or overheating. Replace damaged equipment or have it repaired by a professional technician.
- When buying space heaters, look for devices with automatic shut off features and heating element guards.
- Liquid fueled space heaters must only be used with fuel recommended by the manufacturer.
- Avoid using extension cords with space heaters. If you must use one, make sure you choose an extension cord of the right wire gauge size and type for your heater.
- Keep the power cord away from traffic paths.