Portable Heaters

With the onset of colder weather people may be considering purchasing a portable heater. Wherever possible the use of portable heaters should be avoided and any issues with heating should be discussed with the Facilities Team. If the use of a portable heater cannot be avoided **thermostatically controlled oil filled radiators** should be used.

Oil filled radiators are permitted



Please ensure the following:

- Do not put anything on top of portable heaters
- Ensure it is in a location where it won't be knocked over
- Not placed under desks
- Keep all combustible material a safe distance away from the heater to ensure it won't catch fire
- That heaters with time-switches are set (deactivated) so that they cannot switch on out of hours when not supervised by staff
- Not used unattended
- Plugged directly into a wall socket
- Any new electrical equipment needs to have a PAT test before use, please contact safety-office@eng.cam.ac.uk to arrange
- Please also see Use of Electrical Equipment in University of Cambridge Premises

Convection & Fan heaters are not to be used due to a higher risk of fire



If you need any further advice, please contact us at safety-office@eng.cam.ac.uk