

SPACE HEATER POLICY

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University of Detroit Mercy strives to keep affordable the quality education it provides its students through protecting the University above 68 degrees. If a department or area is within this range of temperatures and personal comfort level is still not met, Facility Operations asks that you dress to accomplish the desired personal temperature. **Personal space heater use is not permitted in any area of the University.** If a department or area heating range, Facility Operations will address the situation and may provide that space with a temporary supplemental heat source until the heating issue can be resolved. i.

I. PROHIBITING PERSONAL SPACE HEATERS

- a. Facility Operations prohibits the use of personal space heaters for the following reasons:
 - i. Increased risk of fire and/or potential injury
 - ii. Current infrastructure is not designed to support the potential electrical loads required for space heater use
 - iii. Increased energy usage and electrical costs to support both installed heating system and personal heating system

b. ENFORCEMENT

- i. Per this policy, in the event an unauthorized personal space heater is being used by an area or individual, Facility Operations has the right to immediately confiscate the heater. Confiscated heaters will only be released upon receipt of a Release Form that is signed by the appropriate Dean or Associate Vice President.

II. SPACE HEATERS

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