

Use of Portable Heating Appliances to Provide Heating

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CEC rule 62-108 requires that branch circuits for the supply of electric heat are adequate for the connected load and only supply the heating equipment.

Portable heaters are Not approved to be used as permanently installed sources of heat. Portable heaters can ignite combustible materials and must be carefully placed and monitored to prevent fire.

Some heating appliances are approved to be cord connected but must be supplied with a circuit that only supplied heating loads. Electric fireplaces are an example of a permanent cord connected heating appliance

Actions arising

Landlords and property owners are reminded that portable heaters may not be used to supply any occupancy with heat in place of a permanent heat source meeting the requirements of BC Building code 9.33.3. Cord connected heating appliances intended for permanent installation must be supplied by a circuit in conformance with CEC 62-108. Heat loss calculations may be required to demonstrate that electric space heating is adequate to meet the heating demand for any occupancy according to the requirements of the BC Building code.

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