

# SAFE & WARM

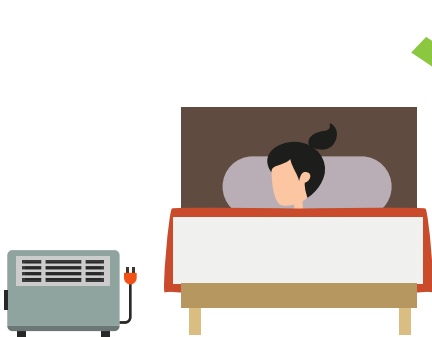


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## PORTABLE HEATERS

Every year over 100 people die and nearly 1,000 are injured in their homes, as a result of fires caused by heating appliances.

Many of these fires involve portable heaters.

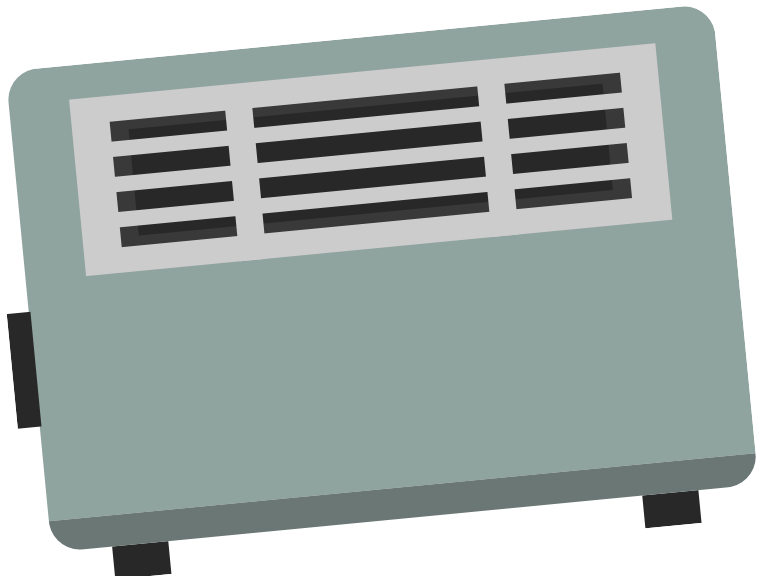


**Always turn off before bed**



**Don't place too close to bedding, curtains and clothing – anything which could catch fire**

- » Always follow the manufacturer's instructions
- » If you have any concerns, turn the heater off and consult a qualified electrician



## WOOD BURNERS AND OPEN FIRES

- » Ensure your burner is properly installed, maintained and regularly serviced by a qualified person
- » Wood burning stoves should be placed on a fire-resistant base and not directly onto a hardwood floor or carpeted surface
- » Ensure you use the right type of wood or coal
- » The chimney or flue should be cleaned at the end of each heating season (typically October - February) and at least once during the heating season
- » Use a protective fire guard
- » Remove ash and burnt fuel once it has cooled

### **Do you live in a thatched house?**

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