



SMART TIPS

SPACE HEATER SAFETY

Space heaters can be a cost effective option when heating no more than one or two small areas.



Review and follow all manufacturer directions.

Place them out of high-traffic areas and on a hard, level floor surface.



Keep them at least 3 feet away from flammable items.

Plug them directly into outlets. Avoid using an extension cord.



Turn them off before you leave the room or go to sleep.

Learn more at:

 **Safe Electricity.org**



Electrical Safety Myths

Don't always believe what you hear

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FACT

Power lines that are coated are always insulated.

The coating could be for weatherproofing only. All power lines can be deadly.

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A fallen or damaged power line will "arc" (display a flame), spark, & make noise.

A live power line may not have any unusual characteristics. Stay away!

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FACT

When live wires fall to the ground, they are automatically de-energized.

Always assume every downed power line is energized.

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Wood is a good insulator.

Wood can be a weak conductor. If it is damp or wet, it becomes a great one.

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I can move a downed line with a stick or other object to get it out of the way.

Never touch a power line for any reason – either with your hand or an object. Stay away and call 9-1-1.

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