



# S.A.F.E. Newsletter



## FIRE PREVENTION



## Space Heaters

### Hospital Fire Prevention

Appliances, such as personal space heaters are one of the leading causes of healthcare facility fires.

See the “UAMS Space Heater Policy” 11.4.21 in Compliance360 for more information.

### Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S)

Central Building G154  
501-526-5536

Call us or go to our website: [uams.edu/safety](https://uams.edu/safety) to submit a safety consultation for a space heater or any other questions!

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Heaters are prohibited in all **Laboratories & Patient Care Areas.**

Patient care areas are **smoke compartments** that contain sleep rooms and patient treatment rooms.

All space heaters must be approved by Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) prior to use (Central Building G154).

### Space Heater Approval Requirements:

1. Must have a tip-over switch.
2. No greater than 1500 Watts.
3. Certified safe by the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Intertek Testing Services (ETL).
4. Grille openings must be smaller than 1 inch.



# ACTIVITY



Directions: Identify & circle the:

- Stairs,
- Smoke Compartments,
- & Fire Pulls

in this hospital section.

Then, using the numbers, select which office(s) can have an approved Space Heater.

A Smoke Compartment is a type of passive fire protection that is required to be separated by barriers that have the appropriate resistance to the spread of smoke i.e., Fire Doors.



Answers:

- Two exit stairs are located at the top and bottom by the Fire Pulls.
- The Patient Smoke Compartment in between the two Fire Doors and is shaded pink.
- Two of the Fire Pulls are located next to the two exit stairs and two are located at either end of the fire compartment.
- Offices 3,4, &5 are the only offices that can have space heaters because they are not in the same fire compartment as the patient rooms.

