Feeling cold in your workspace? Contact SFU Facilities Services (FS) to evaluate and correct any deficiencies with the heating system prior to using a space heater. www.sfu.ca/fs

If you use a space heater, follow the basic safety precautions below.

Fire or explosion hazards can lead to injury or property damage if space heaters are used improperly

Safety precautions for space heaters

- While in use, keep your heater at least 3 feet away from combustibles (i.e., anything that can burn)
- Make sure the cord is not damaged or frayed
- Never run the cord under a rug, carpet or furniture
- Plug the heater securely (‘plug is snug’) and directly into a wall outlet; do not use power bars or extension cords
- Ensure your heater has a CSA®, cUL® or equivalent acceptable electrical certification; if you are unsure whether your heater is compliant, contact FS
- Confirm your heater is equipped with a “tip over shut off” feature
- Make certain you turn the heater off when leaving your workspace; better yet, unplug it

WARNING

Stop using a heater if the cord, plug or outlet feels hot to the touch; this may indicate a problem such as a loose connection or defect in either the heater or the outlet. Try another appliance in the same outlet and/or try plugging the heater into another outlet to isolate the problem. Contact FS if the electrical outlet is the cause. If the heater is the problem, it needs to be repaired or replaced.