

# Space Heater Toolbox Talk Handout



## **BENEFITS**

In the winter, employers have a duty to protect workers from cold stress. One way to fulfill that duty is to provide workers, especially those who work outside or in unheated facilities, with space heaters. However, portable heaters pose their own hazards, such as burns and carbon monoxide poisoning. So it's important that you ensure that workers know how to use them safely.

## **HOW TO USE THE TOOL**

Adapt this handout for your operations and equipment, OHS program and the requirements in your jurisdiction's OHS regulations for portable heaters. Give it to workers as part of a safety talk to educate them on the different types of space or temporary heaters and how to safely use such equipment.

## **OTHER RESOURCES:**

[IHSA](#)

[Space Heater Safety Checklist](#)

[AROUND THE PROVINCES: Portable Heater Requirements](#)

[Spot the Safety Violation: Location, Location, Location](#)

## Spot the Safety Violation: Ventilation Issues