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Tenant Communication

USE OF SPACE HEATERS

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PROPER USE OF SPACE HEATERS

*There is a potential hazard of fire from improper use or use of unapproved types of space heaters

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR USE OF SPACE HEATERS

Know how your heater works

- Space heaters must be electrically powered
- Space heaters must be listed by a qualified laboratory. Such as UL/ETL or certification from CSA international
- To prevent loss of power through circuit breaker tripping, no more than one (1) space heater should be plugged into any electrical circuit
- Always plug heaters directly into a wall outlet/receptacle **DO NOT USE EXTENSION CORDS OR POWER BARS**
- Space heaters must have a thermostat that shuts off the unit when specified temperature is reached

Provide space & stability for the heater

- Space heaters must have a tip-over shutdown feature
- If a space heater is knocked over, the unit must automatically shut off
- Space heaters must be kept at least 3 feet away from combustible material (such as rugs, curtains, clothing and furniture)
- Power cord must not be frayed or damaged
- Power cords must not run under carpets or rugs
- Power cords must not extend through areas of travel

Always Supervise your Space heater

- Space heaters must be located in plain sight and clearly visible
- Use space heaters only on the floor (flat, solid ground)
- Do not use space heaters in wet or moist places such as bathrooms.
- Space heaters should be used as a temporary measure during a loss of heat condition.
- Space heaters must always be turned off and unplugged when area being heated is not occupied. **DO NOT LEAVE HEATER ON UNATTENDED** or while you sleep

DRNPHC HEATER PROGRAM (for office use only)

A space heater has been provided temporarily to: _____ Site _____ Unit _____

I, _____ have read and understand the general guidelines outlined above, and will follow the general guidelines.

Signature: _____

Space heater returned: ☐

To ensure the safety of yourself, your family and those around you we ask that you follow these important safety rules. If you see anyone who is not following these rules please notify your superintendent or property manager immediately: **905-436-6610**, drnphc@durham-housing.com, www.durham-housing.com

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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