

# Discontinue use of fuel-fired portable heaters

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Violation Code: 120-4

## Code Sections:

Wisconsin SPS 314.11(2)

Portable unvented heaters. This is a department rule in addition to the requirements in NFPA 1 section 11.5: Portable, fuel-fired, unvented heating appliances are prohibited — except during construction or demolition of a building, provided adequate ventilation is supplied.

## Explanation

Because these heaters are not connected to chimneys, they can be moved rather easily, although they generally are not considered portable. Each year, many serious fires result from the improper use of these heaters. Because of their mobility, these stoves pose a hazard when placed near combustible materials or where they can block a means of egress. The State of Wisconsin has regulated these to be only used during construction or demolition of a commercial building if adequate ventilation is provided.