

## Use of Portable Electric Heaters on Campus

### Who needs to read this?

All Curtin University Workers.

### Background

The Universities Electrical Safety Procedures state that workers, students and visitors **will not** use portable electrical heaters in air-conditioned spaces.

### Information

Building air-conditioning and electrical systems are not designed for additional heating to be used e.g. portable electric heaters. The use of heaters causes an adverse effect on the air-conditioning systems which results in increased cooling of adjoining spaces to compensate for the increased heat load i.e. it makes other spaces within the same area colder. The increased load on the electrical system has a higher likelihood of tripping due to the use of electric heaters.

### Key Messages

If your area does not have sufficient heating, contact Service Coordination Centre (SCC) who can log a job to investigate your concern.

Use of an unsuitable heaters will lead to colder spaces and may lead to tripping of electrical circuits.

### Who do you call with questions?

If you have problems with the temperature in your area, please raise a service request with properties by calling extension 2020 or [submitting a request online](#).

### References

[Curtin Electrical Safety Procedures](#)

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