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How To Care For Your Room Heater



Caring for your gas room heater

Department of Health Information

According to Department of Health information unflued gas heaters release emissions directly into the room and care is required when using them.

What is an unflued gas heater?

An unflued gas heater burns gas to produce heat and has no flue or chimney to take combustion products outside. Some are portable and have a flexible hose to plug them into a gas outlet through a wall or floor socket. Others may be fixed to the wall.

What to do if you have a heater installed

If you have a gas room heater that has been supplied by the Housing Authority there are a few operating, cleaning and safety tips you should be aware of.

- Never clean your heater when hot or still in operation. Keep it clean by wiping it over with a damp cloth regularly (do not use solvents e.g. mineral turps, as they can melt or distort the plastic cabinets).
- Minimise the length of time that an unflued gas heater is used and turn the heater off when you leave the house or go to sleep.
 This will also save you money.
- Don't operate the heater in a confined space by ensuring internal doors are kept open.
- Ensure flammable or combustible materials cannot come in contact with the heater and do not place articles of any sort on or against the heater.
- Children should be supervised at all times when the heater is in operation.

- Do not lie down or sleep directly in front of the heater.
- If the heater won't light check that the power is on for electronic ignition models or check the battery for standard models and remote controls.
- Where your heater has a flue, it will lead from the heater through the wall and terminate on the external wall. This external flue terminal has a metal cage around it and it is vital that it is kept free from all combustible materials such as cardboard or clothing.
- Where unflued heaters are installed the room should have two vents in the wall, door or ceiling. If you believe the room is not vented adequately or have any concerns with the operation of the heater, please contact your nearest Housing Authority office who will arrange a service of the unit.

Should you have any other concerns please refer to the Department of Health website at www.health.wa.gov.au or contact your local Housing Authority Office who can arrange for the unflued heater to be removed.

