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East Bridgewater Housing Authority

Space Heater Policy

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Portable space heaters of any type are prohibited within all developments of the East Bridgewater Housing Authority, except for extraordinary circumstance(s) which must be approved by the Executive Director.

Portable space heaters are considered a safety risk to both residents and property.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES: If there is a failure of the heating system in a unit/building the Authority may authorize the temporary use of portable space heaters. **ONLY** the East Bridgewater Housing Authority may authorize this and will be for temporary use only.

When the use of a space heater is authorized, the following precautions must be followed:

- Do not use when sleeping or unattended
- Unplug when not in use
- Do not use power strips or extension cords
- Space heater must be plugged directly into the wall outlet
- Do not use in bathrooms or other damp areas
- Do not use around unattended children, and All manufacturer's warnings and instructions must be followed

If East Bridgewater Housing Authority staff or public safety officials identify a portable space heater in violation of this policy, which will be considered a lease violation, the resident will be told to discontinue its use and the resident will be issued a written warning. A second violation of this policy will force the East Bridgewater Housing Authority to begin the eviction process.