

Prevent outdoor heater-related accidents and injuries



As we settle into winter and restaurants continue to adjust to the new reality of outdoor dining post-COVID-19, Nationwide Insurance understands that you as a businessowner want to make your customers feel as comfortable as possible during these uncomfortable times. Consider the information below to use outdoor heaters safely.

- Always place the heater on a flat, stable surface.
- Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for safe use.
- Do not light or operate the heater if you smell gas.
- Outdoor heaters should never be used indoors.
- When outdoor heaters are placed inside tents, a carbon monoxide detector should be present.
- Heaters should be placed at least five feet away from exits and areas of high foot traffic.
- Heaters should be turned off and the gas disconnected prior to any movement of the heater.
- Keep heaters away from combustibles, in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.

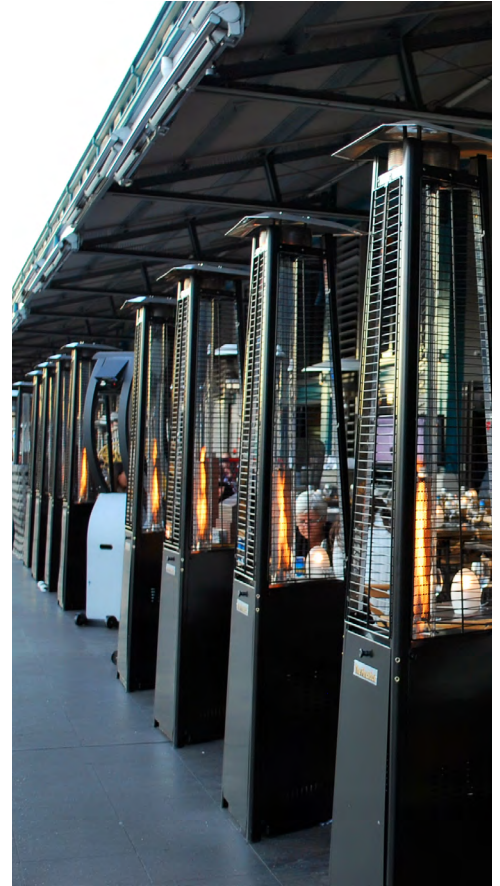
Outdoor Heater Safety

- Portable fire extinguishers should be positioned in high visibility locations in any areas where outdoor heaters are used so they will be readily accessible in the event of fire.

Propane cylinder storage

- Propane cylinders should never be stored inside.
- Store cylinders in a well-ventilated area.
- Cylinders should always be stored upright with the valve facing upward.
- Keep cylinders at least five feet away from any ignition source.
- Store cylinders in a secure area, away from where people congregate.

Due to the elevated risk of severe injury, the use of unprotected open flame heating sources, such as fire pits, is not recommended.



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