



## **RestoPros of Kansas City Shares Essential Space Heater Safety Guidelines to Prevent Winter Fire Damage**

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RestoPros of Kansas City, a professional restoration service company specializing in water and fire damage restoration, has released comprehensive space heater safety guidelines to help residents and businesses prevent fire-related incidents during the winter months. The initiative comes as space heater usage increases across the region, with these devices being responsible for approximately 1,700 fires annually according to national fire safety statistics.

The safety guidelines address critical concerns about space heater placement, maintenance, and operation that can significantly reduce the risk of fire damage restoration needs. Space heaters remain a leading cause of home heating fires, particularly when safety protocols are not followed properly.

"As restoration professionals who respond to fire emergencies throughout the winter season, we see firsthand the devastating impact that space heater fires can have on families and businesses," said Chris Daily, spokesperson for RestoPros of Kansas City. "Many of these incidents are entirely preventable when

proper safety measures are followed, which is why sharing this information with our community is so important."

The company's safety recommendations emphasize maintaining a three-foot clearance zone around all space heaters, ensuring units are placed on level, non-flammable surfaces, and never leaving space heaters unattended or operating while sleeping. Additional guidelines stress the importance of purchasing units with automatic shut-off features, regularly inspecting electrical cords for damage, and avoiding the use of extension cords with high-wattage heating devices.

Power source selection plays a crucial role in space heater safety. Electric space heaters should be plugged directly into wall outlets rather than power strips or extension cords, which can overheat under the electrical load. For those using fuel-burning space heaters, proper ventilation becomes essential to prevent carbon monoxide accumulation.

Regular maintenance and inspection of space heaters before each winter season can identify potential hazards before they lead to emergencies. This includes checking for damaged cords, ensuring safety features function properly, and cleaning units according to manufacturer specifications.

The timing of these safety guidelines coincides with increased heating demands across the Kansas City area as temperatures continue to drop. Local fire departments typically report a spike in heating-related fires between December and February, making preventive education particularly valuable during this period.

RestoPros of Kansas City maintains round-the-clock emergency response capabilities for properties affected by fire and smoke damage. The company's certified technicians follow Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification standards in their restoration work, utilizing advanced equipment and methodologies to restore properties to pre-loss conditions.

Beyond fire damage restoration, the company provides comprehensive services including water damage restoration, mold remediation, storm damage restoration, and complete rebuild services. With over 30 years of combined industry experience, the team serves residential and commercial clients throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area, including Bonner Springs, Leawood, Lenexa, Liberty, Mission, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Riverside, and Shawnee.

The company works closely with insurance providers to streamline the claims process for property owners facing restoration needs. Their certification and adherence to industry standards ensure that restoration work meets both insurance requirements and quality expectations.

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