



SAFE USE OF KEROSENE HEATERS



Kerosene heaters are a common type of heating device. Kerosene heaters can be safely used if you take these precautions.

Do...

- ✓ make sure the heater is properly installed and maintained
- ✓ maintain a constant source of fresh air: proper ventilation reduces the risk of being poisoned by carbon monoxide gas and other pollutants
- ✓ ventilate to ensure healthy levels of oxygen circulate through the heated area
- ✓ keep children at a safe distance from the heater
- ✓ keep all flammable materials (fabrics, paper, blankets etc) at a safe distance from the heater
- ✓ light the match before you turn on the gas
- ✓ refill the heater outside
- ✓ replace the heater tank cap securely after refuelling
- ✓ check the wick frequently for tar build-up
- ✓ keep fuel away from the tents and from children

Do NOT...

- ✗ leave your heater unattended
- ✗ use the wrong fuel
- ✗ use gasoline
- ✗ refill the heater while it is switched on or warm
- ✗ refill the tank to more than 90% because the liquid needs space to expand
- ✗ cook, heat or boil anything using the heater
- ✗ attempt to move a lighted heater
- ✗ install the heater in spaces used for frequent movement
- ✗ allow any kerosene spillage because it will become a fire hazard
- ✗ dry your clothes or blankets on the heater
- ✗ smoke near the heater or light cigarettes with heaters