



## Guide for the safe use of portable gas-fired heaters

The Paso Robles Department of Emergency Services has developed this guide for your convenience. It is based on the regulations of the 2016 California Fire Code (CFC) and the California Code of Regulations (CCR). The following are some of the most common regulations that affect businesses. Always follow your manufactures product safety and use requirements.

### Design:

All portable heaters used in a business must be U.L. listed for commercial use (CFC 603.4.2.2.1). Guards and tip-over protection as outlined in Section 603 of the CFC and Title 19 of the CCR.

### Location:

Portable gas-fired heaters may only be used outside in well ventilated areas (CFC 603.4.2)

- Prohibited outside locations:
  - \* Inside of enclosed tents, canopies and other membrane structures (CFC 603.4.2.1.1)
  - \* Within 5 feet of buildings (CFC 603.4.2.1.2)
  - \* Within 5 feet of combustibles (CFC 603.4.2.1.3)
  - \* Within 5 feet of exits or exit discharges (CFC 603.4.2.1.4)
  - \* On exterior balconies (CFC 603.4.2.1.1)



### LP Tank Storage:

All Propane tanks must only be stored **outside**, with the following separations (CFC 603.2.3.4)

- 5' from a building with two means of egress
- 10' from a building with one means of egress
- 10' from combustible materials

A maximum of (7) 20 lb. tanks are permitted at any one business (This includes empty tanks). CFC Table 5003.1.1