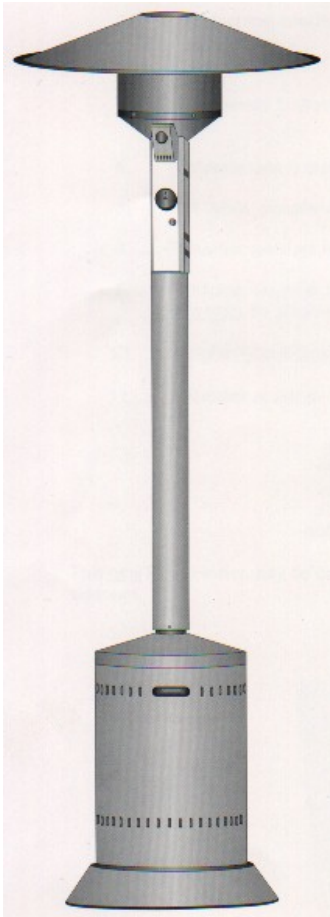


**SANTA MONICA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIRE PREVENTION POLICY NUMBER 1- 9  
SUBJECT: Portable Propane Heater**

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A propane heater permit shall be required when the use of any propane fired portable heater(s) are to be used. The Santa Monica Fire Department will issue an annual hazard control permit for any propane heater under the following conditions, in accordance with the California Building Code (CBC), California Fire Code (CFC) and Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC).

**General Requirements**

- Heaters shall display a U.L. listing number or other nationally recognized standard.
- Heaters shall be used in **open-air areas only**. Indoor use is not permitted.
- Heaters shall be equipped with a safety tilt shut-off switch.
- Heaters shall be set upon a firm and level foundation.
  
- Permit shall be kept on site.

**Specific Use Requirements**

- Placements of heater(s) **shall not** be closer than 5' from buildings or tent/ canopies.
- Heaters **shall not** obstruct the clear path of exits.
- Heaters shall maintain a minimum of 3-foot clearance from any combustible material.
- Heaters **shall not** be stored or used within any structure, including tents and canopies.
- The storage of **spare** cylinders is **not allowed** without additional permit and requirements. Contact Fire Prevention for further details.

**Safety Rules**

In the event that a gas leak should occur, take the following steps:

1. Immediately shut-off gas valve.
2. Never test for a leak using an open flame. Use soapy water.
3. Eliminate all possible sources of ignition
4. Should the leak continue contact Santa Monica Fire Department (911)

Santa Monica Fire Department personnel may perform periodic on-site inspections. Should any of the above conditions be in violation, the annual propane use permit **shall be** revoked and the immediate removal of heater(s) will be required, as per SMMC 8.40.010, CFC Section 105.

Note: The issuance of an annual hazard control permit does not supersede any leasehold agreements and / or other contractual conditions.