

Fact Sheet

NEVER USE OUTDOOR HEATING INSIDE

DON'T USE OUTDOOR GAS HEATERS INDOORS

If you're thinking about using an outdoor propane gas heater indoors – Don't Do It! Using an outdoor propane gas heater indoors is NOT safe and is both dangerous and potentially fatal.

CAN YOU USE A PROPANE GAS HEATER INSIDE?

You can use a propane gas heater inside ONLY if the heater is designed for indoor use. Using an outdoor propane gas heater inside is dangerous to you and your pets because it can produce poisonous Carbon Monoxide (CO) as part of its combustion gases.

Indoor propane gas heaters are to be used inside only. They are designed to minimise or virtually eliminate the production of CO. Some indoor gas heaters use a flue to pipe combustion gases outside.

PATIO HEATERS ARE NOT SAFE INDOORS

Patio heaters are dangerous to use indoors. Patio heaters can produce CO, a poisonous gas, which is both dangerous and potentially fatal.

WHAT IS AN OUTDOOR HEATER?

The most common type of outdoor heater are patio heaters. These are typically the tall mushroom style or the shorter round area heaters. There are also garage and industrial blow heaters. These are intended for very large spaces and should never be used in a home or other smaller enclosure. The use of a gas cooking appliance as an indoor heater is also a dangerous practice.

Australia's strict standards on gas appliance combustion emissions means our indoor propane gas heaters are very safe to use. To be certified for use in Australia, indoor gas heaters



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KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE. USE A PROPER INDOOR HEATER WHEN YOU WANT TO HEAT YOUR HOME.

REMEMBER TO FOLLOW ALL HEATER MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY ADVICE!

must meet or surpass these strict standards. The same is NOT true for outdoor propane gas heaters. Outdoor propane gas heaters are intended for outdoor use only, with plenty of ventilation, and do not meet the indoor heater emission standards.

RADIANT OUTDOOR HEATERS

Most outdoor heaters are radiant heaters. Radiant heaters warm you like the sun. Radiant heaters allow specific spaces within an area to be heated, primarily warming only the people and objects positioned in front of the heater. These are great heaters, as long as they remain outdoors.

CARBON MONOXIDE

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include persistent tiredness, shortness of breath, headaches, nausea, vomiting and loss of consciousness. If you experience any signs of carbon monoxide poisoning while operating any gas appliance, you should stop using it immediately, move to an area where you can breathe fresh air and seek medical attention.

GREAT INDOOR ALTERNATIVES

There are gas heaters that are designed and

certified for safe indoor use. Look for the certification label on the heater. Indoor gas heaters are either portable (unflued) gas heaters or flued heaters. They are radiant, convectors, radiant-convectors, power flued, flued radiant and wall heaters. Gas heaters in Australia are all tested and labelled for energy efficiency Star Ratings.

KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE

You can use a propane gas heater inside if it is designed for indoor use. DO NOT use a propane gas heater inside if it is designed for outdoor use, like a patio heater. We all want to keep our families safe. Use a proper indoor heater when you need to heat your home, and remember to follow all heater manufacturers' instructions and safety advice.

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