

OHS ALERT



Incident /Hazard	Radiant bar heaters
Incident	Fire cause by radiant bar heater
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What happened?

A staff member was using a radiant bar heater at her workstation. She left the workstation for a short period and her coat, which was draped on the back of the chair, caught fire.

A number of radiant bar heaters have been spotted around campus recently. These heaters pose a very significant safety risk and should be removed from the workplace.

Personal radiant bar heaters are also not electrically tested and tagged, and so present an additional risk of electric shock.

Actions for the local area

1. Keep an eye out for bar heaters in your office or workplace
2. Advise staff that they are not permitted to bring personal heaters to UNSW and of the dangers of radiant bar heaters
3. Unplug and remove all bar heaters from the campus immediately
4. Visit <http://www.energy.unsw.edu.au/Heater.shtml> for more information

