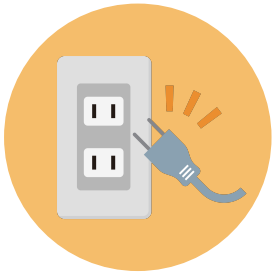
Stay Cool, Stay Safe!

Portable Air Conditioner Safety Tips for Renters:

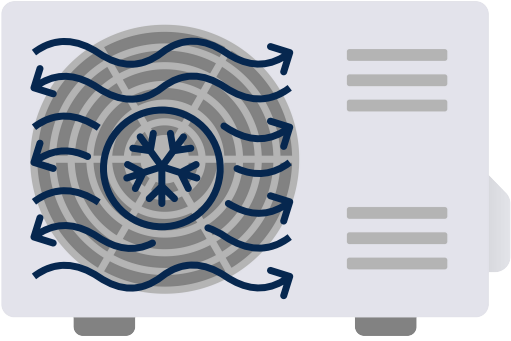
Portable air conditioners can help keep your home comfortable during hot weather. Follow these simple safety tips to prevent injuries, property damage, and equipment problems.

Before You Plug It In



- Read the manufacturer's instructions
- Use a proper electrical outlet
  - Plug the unit directly into a wall outlet.
  - Do not use extension cords, power strips, or multi-plug adapters.
- Check the power cord
  - Do not use the unit if the cord is frayed, damaged, or pinched.
  - Keep cords away from walking paths to prevent trips and falls.
- Choose a safe location
  - Place the unit on a flat, stable surface.

Safe Operation

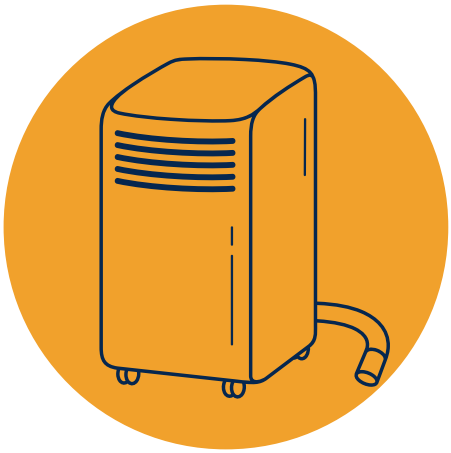


- Do not block airflow
  - Keep intake and exhaust vents clear.
  - Clean or replace filters as recommended.
- Secure the exhaust hose and window kit
  - Make sure hoses are properly connected and not crushed or kinked.
  - Keep windows securely closed around the vent kit.
- Keep water under control
  - Empty collection tanks as needed.
  - Check for leaks that could create slip hazards or water damage.
- Supervise children and pets
  - Keep fingers, toys, and pet tails away from air vents and moving components.

A few simple precautions can help keep you, your family, and your neighbors safe while staying cool.

Fire and Electrical Safety

- Avoid overloading circuits
  - High-powered appliances may cause breakers to trip when used on the same circuit. When in doubt, check with your property management first.
  - If lights dim or breakers trip repeatedly, stop using the unit and contact property management.
- **Watch for warning signs -** Stop using the unit and seek assistance if you notice:
  - Burning odors
  - Sparks
  - Excessive heat from the plug or outlet
  - Frequent breaker trips
  - Unusual noises or smoke



Building Safety Reminders

- Do not modify windows or building systems
  - Avoid drilling, cutting, or permanently altering windows, walls, or electrical systems without approval from property management.
- Maintain emergency exits
  - Keep doors, hallways, and escape routes clear at all times.
- Follow lease and property rules
  - Check with your landlord or property manager if you have questions about approved cooling equipment.

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