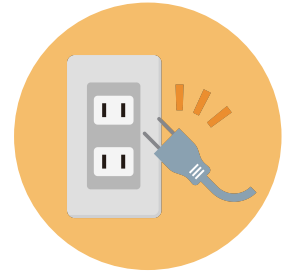


Stay Cool, Stay Safe!

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.

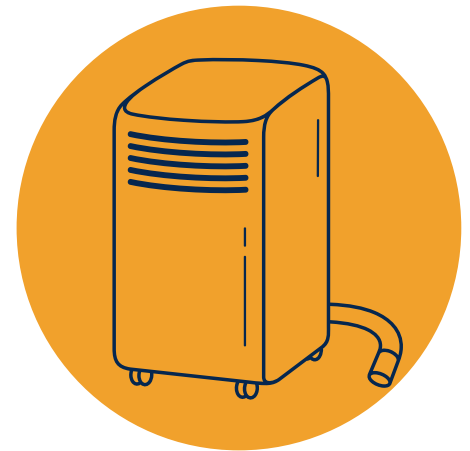
Fire and Electrical Safety

✓ Avoid overloading circuits

- High-powered appliances may cause breakers to trip when used on the same circuit. When in doubt, check with you 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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