



# CITY OF LODI

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD



## PROPANE HEATERS

<b>Number:</b> H-01	<b>Effective Date:</b> 09/04/04	<b>Revised Date:</b>
<b>Code References:</b> 2001 California Building Code & 2001 California Fire Code		
<b>Note:</b> This standard is a summary of Fire department clarifications of City and State Codes. Information contained herein applies to typical circumstances and may not address all situations.		

A propane heater permit shall be required when the use of any gas fired portable heater(s) are to be used. The Lodi 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) and California Fire Code (CFC).



#### 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. (CFC 8204.3 and Table 8204-A)
- Heaters **shall not** obstruct the clear path of exits. (CFC 1203)
- Heaters shall maintain a minimum of 3-foot clearance from any combustible material. (CFC 1107.1)
- Heaters **shall not** be stored or used within any structure. (CFC 1103.3.2.6)
- The storage of **spare** cylinders are **not allowed**. (CFC 101.4 and 1103.3.2.6)

#### 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 Lodi Fire Department (911)

Lodi 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 CFC Article 105. **Note:** The issuance of an annual hazard control permit does not supersede any leasehold agreements and / or other contractual conditions.