

		January 21, 2025			
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	Housing and Residence Life				

This policy is being revised to replace the out of date “maintenance request” hyperlink under Section V. A., with language directing students to put in a maintenance request through their housing portal. A hyperlink to <https://www.housing.wichita.edu/housing> is being added to the policy. A hyperlink to <https://www.housing.wichita.edu/housing> is being added to the policy.

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### **III. POLICY**

- A. Three significant issues govern the use of space heaters in campus buildings – fire safety, electrical loads, and energy efficiency.
- B. Wichita State University has established heating and cooling season building temperature policies, set forth in University policy 11.27 / HVAC Systems Standards. These seasonal temperature settings are intended to provide comfort conditions in support of the University’s educational mission while advancing WSU’s energy-conservation goals.
- C. Residence Halls have a separate heating and cooling temperature setting for student comfort while residing in the Residence Halls.
- D. Portable space heaters pose serious fire, safety, and electrical hazards.
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