Risk Assessments for Electric Heaters

As an employer, you are required by law to protect your employees, and others, from harm.

Under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, section 3, the minimum you must do is:

* identify what could cause injury or illness in your business (hazards)
* decide how likely it is that someone could be harmed and how seriously (the risk)
* take action to eliminate the hazard, or if this isn’t possible, control the risk

Assessing risk is just one part of the overall process used to control risks in your workplace.

A risk assessment is required for the use of **electric** heaters (portable or fixed).

The links below will help you compose this risk assessment.

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/index.htm>

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/simple-health-safety/risk/risk-assessment-template-and-examples.htm>

The risk assessment should identify the following:

* the activities that are involved in use of heaters (setting up, use of, cleaning and maintenance);
* the potential hazards;
* the persons affected by the activity – (think about who could be at risk);
* the risk, which should include the probability/likelihood of harm, the severity of injury and numbers of persons affected;
* the control measures that could include, removal of the activity or if this isn’t possible, the measures that are required to reduce the risk.

The **hazards** you will need to consider are as follows:

* Fire
* Electrocution
* Burns
* Manual handling
* Trips and slips
* Instability (including attached heaters)

This should be submitted as a separate document when applying for a licence for furniture on Westminster land.