

Coffee pots and other Hot! issues

Time to relook office safety

Coffee pots okay, maybe -- Space heaters never!

It's a safety call. Coffee makers require an official 'okay' in offices and seminar rooms – and no space heaters, toasters or toaster ovens are permitted.

Electricity overloads in parts of Root Hall have triggered an update to the staff and faculty manual, according to Hal Newcomer, chief of logistics operations for Root Hall.

It has long been true that appliances are not allowed in seminar rooms. The guidance now extends throughout the building.

- No space heaters
- No toasters or toaster ovens
- Refrigerators and microwave ovens – only when current electrical capabilities support use without modification
- Coffeemakers – only when approved for each coffeemaker. Submit a CBks Form 261 RE, and post the approved form at each coffee maker. Coffee makers must be plugged directly into a wall outlet without using an outlet strip or extension cord. They require an automatic shut-off. There can be no flammables nearby.