



# ESCONDIDO FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Fire Prevention Bureau Information Sheet

### Propane Tank Heaters

The following are general requirements and guidelines pertaining to the use of Propane Tank Heaters. Please make sure all heaters are in compliance with the 2019 Editions of the California Building Code (CBC), California Fire Code (CFC), and the NFPA 58-Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code.

#### General Requirements

- Heaters shall display a U.L. listing number or other nationally recognized standard. (CFC 603.4.2.2.1)
- Heaters shall be used in **open-air areas only**. Indoor use including inside of tents, canopies, and membrane structures is not permitted. (CFC 603.4.2.1.1)
- Heaters shall be equipped with a safety tilt shut-off switch. (CFC 603.4.2.2.3)
- Heaters shall be set upon a firm and level foundation.
- Permit shall be kept on site at all times. (CFC 105.1, 105.6.27)

#### Specific Use Requirements

- Placement of heater(s) **shall not** be closer than *5 feet* from any building. (CFC 603.4.2.1.2)
- Heaters **shall not** be located within 5 feet of exits or exit discharges. (CFC 603.4.2.1.4)
- Heaters **shall not** be located within 5 feet of any combustible material (CFC 603.4.2.1.3)
- Heaters **shall not** be stored or used within any structure. (CFC 603.4.2.3.4)
- Heaters **shall not** be within 10 feet of tents, canopies, and membrane structures. (CFC 3107.12.3)



#### Safety Rules

- In the event that a gas leak should occur, take the following steps:
  1. Immediately shut-off the 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 the Fire Department's dispatch center on the non-emergency line at (760) 839-4722.