All University employees share responsibility in maintaining an environment that is safe for learning, research, and work.

Reporting safety concerns to the appropriate personnel is always the first step in any resolution process.

Examples of environmental health and safety concerns include:

- Workplace conditions or actions that could cause harm to employees, students or the environment.
- Lack of or poor condition of equipment, tools, or personal protective equipment (PPE) required to safely perform work.
- Violations of University policies or governmental regulations applicable to occupational health and safety, fire and building codes, environmental protection, radiation safety, or biosafety.

Report safety concerns to your supervisor or contact Service Response at 599-3525.

Safe Use of Space Heaters

This time of the year, space heaters provide welcomed warmth in chilly rooms, but that warmth comes with a big warning label. Each year space heaters cause more than 25,000 residential fires and send 6,000 people to the emergency room for treatment of burns, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Solutions Include

- Always unplug and safely store the heater when it is not in use.
- Place space heaters on level, flat surfaces.
- Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets.
- Heaters must be kept at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Only utilize space heaters with a tip-over safety switch.
- Never leave a space heater unattended.
- Inspect heaters for cracked cords, broken plugs or loose connections before each use.

“If the cord has a fray throw it away”

Contact the Department of Environmental Health and Safety at ehs@famu.edu or 599-3442 if you have any questions or concerns.