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Q: A resident has requested her family to bring her a portable space heater for use in her room. I don’t believe that is allowed. Am I correct?


18.7.8 Portable Space-Heating Devices. Portable space-heating devices shall be prohibited in all health care occupancies (this includes LTC facilities), unless both of the following criteria are met:
   1) Such devices are permitted to be used only in nonsleeping staff and employee areas.
   2) The heating elements of such devices do not exceed 212 degrees F (100 degrees C).

So, portable space-heating devices are NOT allowed in resident sleeping rooms or other resident areas.