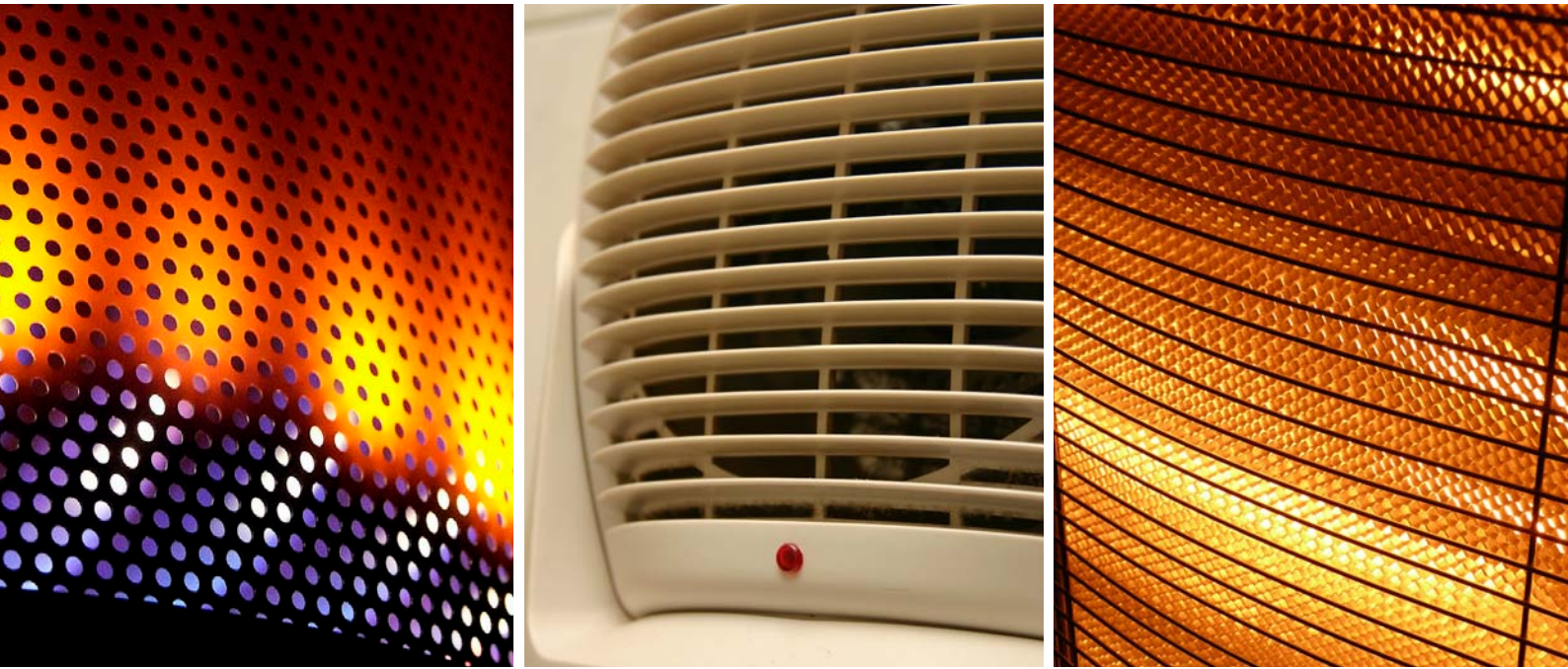


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By following our guidance overleaf you will be able to use your heating appliance safely and sensibly.

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- ☑ Switch heaters off if you are not in the room and before going to bed at night.
- ☑ Always unplug electric heaters when you go out and go to bed.
- ☑ Ensure a permanent safety guard is fitted.
- ☑ Cylinders for portable gas heaters should be stored and changed outside, or in a well ventilated area.
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