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R 303.8 Required Heating

When the winter design temperature in Table R301.2(1) is below 60-F, every dwelling unit shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a minimum room temperature of 68 F at a point 3 feet above the floor and 2 feet from exterior walls in all habitable rooms at the design temperature. The installation of one or more portable space heaters shall not be used to achieve compliance with this section. Minimum heating requirements are for health reasons. In areas where the design temperature is based on Table R301.2(1) and is below 60 F , dwelling units are required to be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a minimum room temperature of 68 F The primary need here is that of human comfort. The minimum temperature is measured at 3 feet above the floor and 2 feet from the exterior walls of all habitable rooms. See Commentary Figure R303.8. **Portable space heaters cannot be used to achieve compliance with this section.**