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Fire Department safety reminder: give heaters enough space

The Oct. 25 fire in an apartment building in the 600 block of 4th Ave. was likely the result of a bed placed too close to a heater.

“The Campbell River Fire Department’s investigation into the fire indicates that a mattress and associated bedding were placed in very close proximity to a baseboard heater,” says acting Fire Chief Ian Baikie.

The fire caused heavy smoke damage throughout the building, destroyed all contents in one unit and temporarily displaced approximately 40 occupants of the 29-unit apartment block.

“With this recent event, and in light of the fact we are now into the season when people are using heaters, the Campbell River Fire Department would like to remind citizens that heating devices of all types, including baseboard heaters, must be kept clear of combustible materials and given enough space to allow for air circulation,” Baikie adds.

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