

Pilot Lights

Gaurd Against Fires...Prevent Waste of Electricity!

Many serious fires can be prevented by the installation of pilot lights for electrically heated appliances such as pressing irons, soldering irons, small electric hot plates, and glue pots. Leaving the current on when electrical appliances are left on or near combustible material has resulted in building and content losses.

When pilot lights are installed there is less chance of leaving the current on for long periods because the red light acts as a warning signal. Because of the danger involved, the National Electrical Code requires that in all except residential occupancies some form of automatic shut-off or pilot light be provided for all electrically heated appliances.

As an additional precaution, metal stands with an air space should be provided, or the appliance should be set on 1/4 inch noncombustible board covered with a sheet of metal not less than No. 24 US Gage. Combustible walls or partitions nearby should have similar protection.

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