



Community Services

**Building Safety Branch**

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## **Notice to Residents And Building Owners**

**From: Building Safety Electrical Inspections**

**Re: Heat Trace on Plumbing System Piping**

Due to the recent problems with heat trace causing fires, it is advised that if you are unsure that your heat trace is installed correctly, you should call a certified electrician to assess your installation, and to upgrade accordingly. Heat trace without a grounded braid has never been approved for installation on plastic pipe of any kind or approved to be installed in or on any material of combustible construction. Installed heat trace without the braid can temporarily be made safer by placing the cable on a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter and controlling the circuit with a thermostat to completely shut off the heat trace when no longer needed or the temperature is above the freezing point. Unbraided heat trace is to be changed at the earliest possible convenience.

If you have any questions, please call the Building Safety Branch, Electrical Inspections toll free at 1-800-661-0408.

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