

# Wall Heaters

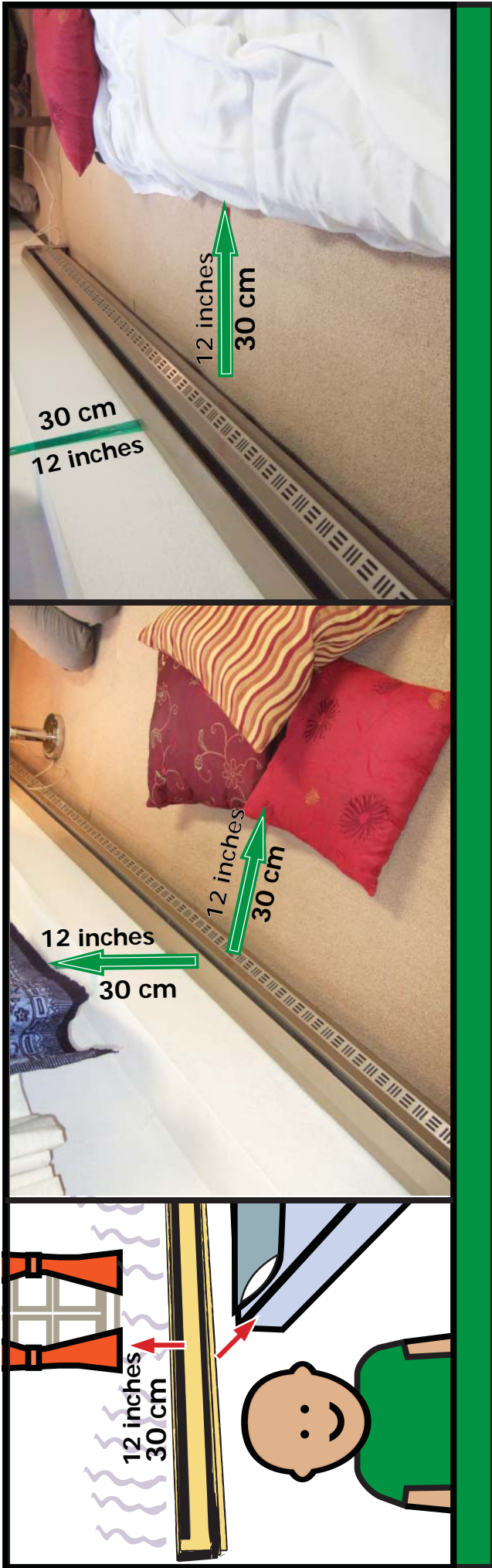
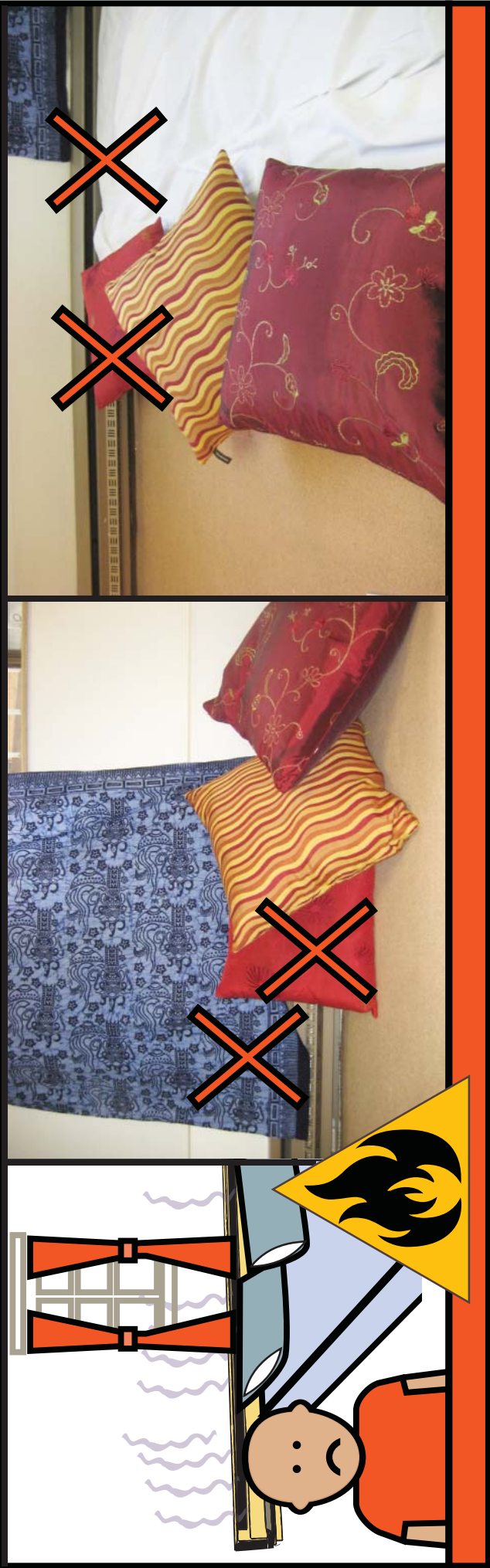
**Policy:** Wall heaters must not be blocked.

**Discussion:** The following guidelines must be followed to prevent fire or premature failure of the wall unit.

1. No item should be placed within 6 inches of the heater.
2. Turning the thermostat “off” will not prevent the heater from coming on if the temperature inside gets cold enough. The thermostat does not turn the heater off.
3. Turning the heater off at the breaker is no guarantee that someone will not come by and turn the breaker back on creating a fire hazard.
4. Curtains/drapes should not hang closer than 12 inches above the heater.

**Plan:** Effective immediately all heaters must be cleared of all items. At no time are the heaters to be blocked.





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