

Is Your Water Heater Closet a Fire Hazard?

You can consider your water heater closet a fire hazard if you are using it as a storage space.

Storing items in the water heater closet is extremely dangerous. The pilot light flame underneath the heater may set fire to the items stored near it. If the flame is accidentally extinguished, the fumes can create an extremely hazardous, highly combustible situation. Please join Neighborhood Services in combating fire hazards in your home.

Remember: The water heater* is the only item to be kept in your water heater closet and it must be anchored or strapped.

[*See Building & Safety Code \(BSC\) V5.511.5 and V2.510.5](#)

