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**Unvented Gas Fired Heaters in Sleeping Rooms**

**Code:** 2002 Fuel Gas Code  
**Section:** 303.3

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**Question:**

Are unvented gas fired heaters allowed to be installed in sleeping rooms?

**Answer:**

No, the Fuel Gas Code states “Appliances shall not be located in, or obtain combustion air from, any of the following rooms or spaces: 1. sleeping rooms. ...” Therefore the unvented gas fired heaters shall not be installed in a sleeping room. The Fuel Gas Code would not allow the unvented heater in a sleeping room even if the unvented gas fired heater is listed for a sleeping room. The exceptions to section 303.3 would allow the following to be installed in a sleeping room:

1. Direct-vent appliances that obtain all combustion air directly from the outdoors.
2. Vented room heaters, wall furnaces, vented decorative appliances and decorative appliances for installation in vented solid fuel-burning fireplaces, provided the room is not a confined space and the building is not of unusually tight construction.