

Fire & Life Safety Guidelines/Checklist

Following our recent letter to students about the new safety codes for college residences, this checklist is produced to assist residents to comply with mandated life safety codes by New York State and the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC). The College and University are required to support these expectations to protect our students and community and thus have developed policies and procedures to comply with State expectations.

This listing represents the **most recent** detailing of property and behaviors restricted under these codes, recognizing that it is impossible to list every possible item and situation and that expectations will change with time and experience. We encourage all residential students to complete this check list to insure you are in compliance – and if you are not in compliance, to take steps to correct problems, including placing those materials in University-provided storage space until you can “Take It Home” (see your RA for our support in helping you do this). For your convenience, a link to this checklist is posted on the ResLife web page (www.reslife.rochester.edu).

Non-Approved Appliances (*Generically, devices with open elements or that can produce enough heat to start a fire if used improperly*). Including but not limited to:

George Foreman grills or similar cooking appliances.
Toasters, portable or toaster ovens, smokeless indoor grills, etc.
Hotplates, electric skillet, crock pots, etc.
Combination microwaves with broiling elements
Submersion coil water heaters
BBQ grills or open flame devices (charcoal, gas or other fuel)
Personal lighting that has an upward facing lamp (regardless of protective cover or bulb type)
Non-UL safety approved electric powered appliances
All portable heating devices (space heaters of any type)

Non-Approved Items (*Generically, items that can produce enough heat to start a fire if used improperly, or sources of fuel in case of fire*). Including but not limited to:

Candles, lantern, lamps or any other item that produces an open flame
Tobacco, incense or any other item that burns or smolders when used
All flammable materials (gas, lighter fluid, charcoal, propane, solvents, etc.)
All items powered by combustible fuels (such as motorcycles)
All fireworks, explosives, etc.
All corrosive (or poisonous) chemicals and hazardous materials.
All lightweight extension cords or multi plug outlet adapters
Heavy weight power strips or extension cords without safety circuit breakers
Multiple approved power strips connected together (“chaining”)
All cords extended through walls, ceilings, affixed to walls, under floor coverings, across corridors, etc
Curtains/drapes and anything covering ceilings (tapestries, banners, posters, nets or other combustible materials)
Wall decorations covering more than 20% of walls (tapestries, banners, posters or other combustible materials)
Crepe paper, plastic or Mylar decorations, ribbons, streamers, etc.
Combustible materials as door decorations covering more than 20% of doors total
Runners, door mats, or other combustible floor coverings in hallways and suite corridors.
All standard and “rope type” decorative string lighting (Christmas, chili pepper, etc. lights)

For questions regarding fire and life safety regulations, contact the University Fire Marshal’s Office at 275-3241; www.safety.rochester.edu; or questions@safety.rochester.edu.