

VERMONT TECH

Manual of Policy and Procedures

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PURPOSE

To keep the residence halls a safe place, free from tragedies associated with hazardous materials and/or unsafe decorations.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

All decorations in the residence halls shall be in accordance with the regulations contained the NFPA Life Safety 101 Code of 2001.

A. Summary

Interior trim (includes trim in individual student rooms) may not be in excess of 10 percent of the walls and ceiling areas of any room or space. This is with the exception of fire windows and doors, which are not to be decorated at any time. **NOTE:** This 10 percent is to include flammable material already present in the room or space. (i.e. drapes)

Any material used as decoration that is not flammable is not included in the 10 percent.

Synthetic material used (i.e.) Styrofoam, nylon ornaments which emit toxic chemicals/fumes when ignited, or highly flammable materials such as cotton bunting are not permitted at any time.

Decorations are not to impede movement through the area toward and emergency exit. Ceiling decorations cannot hang lower than 6' 8" from the floor.

Stairwells and exit doors are not to be decorated at any time.

Decorations may not be placed on any fire safety equipment. This includes sprinklers and their pipes, smoke and heat detectors, fire extinguishers, exit signs and emergency lights.


Lights: Decorative strings of lights are not permitted in student rooms on a permanent basis, and may only be displayed from December 1 until the residence hall room is vacated at the end of the first semester.

Live trees and wreaths are not permitted.

All holiday decorations must be removed prior to the students leaving for the holidays.

POLICY MODIFICATION HISTORY

- I. The following dates reflect chronological changes made to this policy which are henceforth considered depreciated.
 - a) November 1984
 - b) March 1993
 - c) August 2005
 - d) August 2009

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