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# RH/Office Safety Tips



*Did you know? Christmas Trees are blamed for over 500 fires each year?*

**FIRE TAKES NO HOLIDAY!!!**

# HAUNTED HALLS



Fun...and Dangerous!

## Use Fire Retardant Materials

Halloween, New Year's Eve, Christmas, Hanukkah... Holidays present opportunities to decorate Residence Halls with seasonal reminders. However, combustible (easily ignited) decorations can lead to disasters! That doesn't mean Residence Halls have to be barren undecorated Bah-Humbugs Barracks! Here are some suggestions for alternatives:

- ✦ Most theatrical or commercial drapery supply stores have fabrics or other "inherently fire resistive" materials available. Building Supply Stores also stock "flame retardant" plastic sheeting.
- ✦ Artificial Christmas Trees may not produce the pine scent of a Douglas Fir, but they won't cause flash fires with temperatures in excess of 900° F, either. (Get a fire resistant artificial tree and some pine potpourri!)
- ✦ Candles and flames evoke numerous emotions. Let's prevent unbearable sorrow from being one of them. Please use UL approved electric Menorahs and mini-lights sets rather than actual flames!
- ✦ Use only water-based paints and markers. Your hall mates will appreciate the lack of volatile organics in their air!
- ✦ Don't forget the basics: No daisy chaining extension cords/power strips, no blocking of access/egress routes, no ceiling tapestries, no covering smoke detectors, deco lights cannot be strung around combustibles/bedframes/thru windows/etc. – due to wear and tear.



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