Summary/Purpose: This policy defines the fire safety expectations for the residence halls. The policy also provides a list of materials banned from residence halls that are serious fire safety risks.

Candles, incense, oil lamps, etc. are not permitted in the residence halls. These items produce an open flame or hotspot that produces smoke. They may inadvertently set off the smoke alarm system causing a false alarm. They may start a fire. Because of the potential hazard that all candles pose, whether they are burned or unburned, ordinary or decorative, they are not permitted in the residence halls. Candles found in student rooms will be confiscated and the resident(s) of the room will be charged $25 per candle and will be subject to disciplinary action. All confiscated items will be removed from students' rooms and disposed of appropriately by Residence Life staff.

You are encouraged to bring irons and curling irons that have an automatic turn-off feature. Live Christmas Trees are not permitted in student rooms. No fireworks or grills are allowed in or around any residence life area. Motorized vehicles may not be parked in or around the student residences other than authorized parking lots/spaces. Hazardous materials including, but not limited to, gas, propane, chemicals, or gas grills are not permitted in on-campus housing.

Walls of any residence life area may not be covered by cardboard and no wall may have more than 50 percent of its total area covered by any material including paper, cardboard, fabric, metal, etc.

Students are not allowed to bring halogen lamps into the residence halls. Halogen lamps burn up to 10 times hotter than an ordinary light bulb, causing a potential fire hazard.