
TORCHIERE STYLE LAMPS WITH HIGH TEMPERATURE LIGHT SOURCE

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This policy has not yet been vetted or formatted as part of the [policy review project](#), however, all requirements of the policy are current and in force.

Summary

The purpose of this policy is to prevent the use of lighting fixtures in University at Buffalo facilities that present a fire safety hazard through the use of exposed high temperature lamps as the light source.

Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

Torchiere style lamps are not permitted for use in University at Buffalo facilities as a best practice means of preventing the start of a fire that may threaten life and property. Torchiere Lamps are lighting equipment designed for residential interior use and use high temperature bulbs, approximately 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, as the light source.

BACKGROUND

Codes and guidelines for this policy: Chapter 3, Section 305 Ignition Sources of the Fire Code of New York State; Consumer Product Safety Commission memo dated 4/9/98 and Press Release #97-173.

Chapter 3, Section 305.1 of the fire Code of New York State requires that “clearance between ignition sources, such as light fixtures, heaters and flame producing devices, and combustible materials shall be maintained in an approved manner.”

The consumer Product Safety Commission has documented statistical information on Torchiere lamps, clearly identifying them as a fire safety hazard. This information cites contact with combustible materials, exploding bulbs, electrical short circuits and lamp tip-over as specific hazards.

DEFINITIONS

Torchiere Lamps - Typically, floor lamps with a high temperature halogen bulb, drawing 300-500 watts of power, at approximately 970 to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and mounted at the base of an opened top globe.

RESPONSIBILITY

All persons living, working and/or learning on campus are responsible for adherence to the policy.

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

This procedure shall be reviewed once every three years, or as changes require.

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Related Information

University Documents:

Campus Commitment to Safety, University at Buffalo, Office of the Provost, Office of the Senior Vice President, April 3, 2001.

<http://www.facilities-buffalo.org/Home/Departments/ehs/Policies/CampusCommitmenttoSafety>

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[Guide to Residence Hall Living, 2.10 Open Flames](#)

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