

Dorm Room Fire Safety Notice

Dorm room audits are conducted regularly throughout the year to ensure that health and safety standards are being met. During the most recent winter break audit, while rooms were being checked for compliance with the “move-out checklist”, fire hazards were identified and addressed. Prohibited items were confiscated but are now available for prompt retrieval. Unburnt candles and lava lamps were not confiscated at this time but lava lamps will be in the future. An “audit tag” was left in each room where item(s) were taken or a fire safety related correction was made. If the same offense is observed in a room a second time, the item will likely be confiscated and held for the remainder of the semester. Such items will be made eligible for pick-up during the following move-out week or on a case by case basis at the Housing Office’s discretion.

Please be aware of the following items that Regis **prohibits and/or restricts** in dorm rooms due to fire hazard. This list is not exhaustive and any item reasonably deemed hazardous may be confiscated and held for its removal from campus by the owner at any time.

- Anything with open flames, coils, or embers
- Stoves/ovens (including toasters)
- Microwaves (aside from the one provided with your micro fridge)
- Crock pots, rice cookers, etc.
- Grills of any kind (including panini and waffle makers)
- Air fryers
- Hot plates
- Any other appliances with an exposed heating element
- Lava lamps
- Fuel (lighter fluid, kerosene, propane, lamp oil, solvents, gasoline, etc.)
- Lit candles/incense (decorative candles must not show any evidence of burning)
- Space heaters/heating lamps
- Torches of any kind
- Scented lamps
- Extension/multi-plug cords over 6 feet, in poor condition, or lacking UL certification
- Plug adapters

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Additionally, decorations may **not** attach to, hang-over or obstruct: -

- Doorways
- Fire alarms
- Smoke detectors
- Emergency lights
- Light bulb
- Pull stations
- Sprinklers
- Fire extinguishers
- Radiators
- Vents
- “EXIT” signs etc.

Finally, note that: -

- Clothing irons are permitted but should only be used on ironing boards and unplugged after each use.
- Curling and flat irons are also permitted, but must be unplugged after each use.
- Personal belongings and/or furniture may **not** block room egress or door swing.
- Students may **not** install anything that obstructs the view of the room’s Evacuation Diagram.

These measures are meant to reduce the risk of fire in the dorms and should be taken seriously out of respect for one another’s safety. Please know that we want you to feel comfortable asking any questions you may have about fire safety and will respond with understanding. Questions about prohibited items and restrictions will not be used to target you or confiscate your belongings. Please reach out to your hall director for guidance with any questions you may have.

Thank you