

Healthcare Holiday Decorations

In healthcare facilities, there are specific regulations regarding the use of decorations. The Office of the State Fire Marshal is providing this guidance on the topic.

Combustible Decorations are prohibited in any health care occupancy, unless one of the following criteria is met:

- 1) They are flame-retardant or are treated with approved fire-retardant coating that is listed and labeled for application to the material to which it is applied.
- 2) The decorations meet the requirements of NFPA 701.
- 3) The decorations exhibit a heat release rate not exceeding 100 kW when tested in accordance with NFPA 289.
- 4) *The decorations, such as photographs, paintings, and other art, are attached directly to the walls, ceiling, and non-fire-rated doors in accordance with the following:
 - a) Decorations on non-fire-rated doors do not interfere with the operation or any required latching of the door and do not exceed the area limitations of 19.7.5.6(b), (c), or (d).
 - b) Decorations do not exceed 20 percent of the wall, ceiling, and door areas inside any room or space of a smoke compartment that is not protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system
 - c) Decorations do not exceed 30 percent of the wall, ceiling, and door areas inside any room or space of a smoke compartment that is protected throughout by an approved supervised automatic sprinkler system.
 - d) Decorations do not exceed 50 percent of the wall, ceiling, and door areas inside patient sleeping rooms, having a capacity not exceeding four persons, in a smoke compartment that is protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system.
- 5) *They are decorations, such as photographs and paintings, in such limited quantities that a hazard of fire development or spread is not present

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Live Christmas trees are prohibited in health care occupancies!



Temporary Holiday Lighting

Temporary lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting.

Warning: Combustible Decorations shall not be displayed on Fire Rated doors.



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