

# Holiday Decorations Safety 2025

The following decorating guidelines must be followed at all times!

## 1. ALL BUILDINGS:

- Wall and ceiling decorations must be comprised of non-flammable materials and not block or conceal exit signs or fire equipment.
- No decoration will be hung from fire sprinklers or placed where they block fire sprinklers.
- All decorations need to be 3 feet from fire extinguishers, fire pull boxes, electrical & med-gas panels.
- Do not tape articles to ceiling tiles. Do not use thumb tacks, nails, staples, or pins.
- No decorations may obstruct hallways, corridors, or exits to less than 44 inch. in business areas.
- Do not remove existing pictures that have been secured to the wall.
- Combustible decorations are not permitted.
- All decorations must be flame retardant and on UL list.
- Decorations must always be separated from ignition sources such as light fixtures, electrical receptacles, warmers, etc.
- No natural cut or live Christmas trees or wreaths.
- No open flame decorations of any kind (e.g., candles or potpourri heaters) are allowed.
- No decorations of an explosive or highly flammable nature

(Including ordinary crepe paper decorations and pyroxylin plastic decorations)



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**No decorations of any kind on Fire & Smoke Doors!**

## 2. **ADDITIONAL REQUIRMENTS FOR THE HOSPITAL & HEALTHPLEX:**

- All decorations must be UL-approved for indoor use and approved by the Hospital Safety Officer or the Hospital Life Safety Specialist.
- Decorations **MUST NOT** be plugged into RED outlets.
- No live plants are allowed, except for poinsettias without the approval of the Infection Control Director.
- Drop cords must be UL-approved and approved by the Hospital Safety Officer or the Hospital Life Safety Specialist.
- No decorations may obstruct hallways, corridors, or exits to less than 8 ft. in hospital areas.
- *All paper signage attached to the walls and doors are always forbidden at all times.*



### Regulatory Standards:

LS.02.01.70 EP 1 The hospital prohibits all combustible decorations that are not flame retardant. NFPA 101-2012®, paragraph 18/19.7.5.4 states "Combustible decorations shall be prohibited in any health care occupancy unless they are flame-retardant."

### Memorial Medical Center Policy:

Decorations Receptacles & Heating Devices - LS.02.01.70EP1-9