

## Halloween Decorating Guidelines

### General

- Halloween can be a fun and *safe* time in the residence halls. In order to keep our residence halls safe from fire a few simple precautions are necessary.

### Natural Material

- Because of their combustible nature, the following material may not be used for decorating. Corn stalks, leaves, and hay. Other natural materials such as pumpkins, squash and gourds are permitted.

### Paper, Streamers and Plastic

- Crap paper and streamers used for decorations must be labeled as "fire-proof" or "flame-proof." Be sure to read the label before you buy the material. Plastic bags and plastic sheeting must not be used for decorating. This material is very combustible.

### Emergency Equipment

- Decorations must not block or cover up any part of the fire alarm or sprinkler system. Extinguisher cabinets, emergency lights, and exit lights must not be covered. Regular corridor lighting must not be completely covered.

### Exits

- Exits must not be blocked or hidden. Corridors must not be "wallpapered" with combustible material. Combustible decorations are not permitted in stairwells.

### Candles

- Any candle in a residence hall is prohibited. Safe alternatives include flashlights and battery operated candles.

### For more information

For more information on fire safety, call Environmental Health & Safety at 545-2682 or by email [EH&S](#)