



NYU Langone Health

To establish basic fire prevention measures.

To comply with the most current editions of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, building codes, fire department regulations, and other voluntary standards.

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NYU Langone Health (NYULH) refers to the NYU Langone Health System, NYU Langone Hospitals, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, NYU Long Island School of Medicine, the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone, and all entities controlled by any of them.

This policy applies to:

All NYULH owned and leased facilities (NYULH) and all employees

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All employees, contractors, and consultants are accountable for preventing fires, through measures described in this policy.

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- 3.1 All use of holiday decorations shall comply with Safety Policy 148: Holiday Decorations.
- 3.2 Corridors, fire and smoke barrier doors, and exits shall be kept clear of obstructions.
- 3.3 Doors in smoke and fire barriers shall not be held open with door chocks or other items not designed or intended for such use.
- 3.4 The use of candles, incense, torches, or other open flame devices is prohibited unless otherwise approved in this policy.

Open flame devices used in laboratories for research purposes, or construction activities in compliance with Safety Policy 143: Hot Work Program are allowed.

Restrictions for use of sternos are listed in Section 6.3.

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Smoking is prohibited at all NYULH facilities (see Safety Policy 104, Tobacco Free Facilities).



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- 5.1 All staff, contractors, and consultants shall keep work areas clean, neat, and orderly, free of slip and trip hazards, with materials and supplies stored in appropriate containers and locations.
- 5.2 In healthcare and ambulatory occupancies, large, mobile waste carts (exceeding 32-gallon capacity) shall be attended when in corridors.

Waste baskets that exceed 32 gallons in capacity shall be kept in code-compliant designated hazardous areas (e.g., waste storage room) if unattended.

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(outside of Food and Nutrition locations)

- 6.1 The use of personal toasters, toaster ovens, grills, crock pots, hot plates, and similar food heating appliances and equipment is prohibited.
- 6.2 The use of personal coffee makers and microwave ovens is permitted in designated areas only (e.g., staff lounges and patient waiting areas), but not in areas where there is a potential increased risk for fire.

Coffee makers and microwave ovens shall be UL or EC listed.

Making popcorn in microwave ovens is prohibited.

- 6.3 Use of sternos is not permitted at NYU Langone Hospital-Long Island (NYULH-LI). It is permitted in other locations, with the following precautions:

Sternos shall be used only in areas with sprinkler protection.

A 10lb. ABC fire extinguisher shall be within 10 feet.

Sternos shall be attended while in use by an individual who is familiar with fire extinguisher use and has completed annual regulatory training.

Sternos shall be placed on non-combustible mats or trays extending at least 8 inches beyond the sterno in each direction.



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- 12.2 The use of portable or temporary heaters in construction areas is prohibited unless specifically authorized by EH&S (see Safety Policy 207: Portable Space Heaters).

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