

Title: Torchiere Style Lamps with High Temperature Light Source	Document No.: FLS-001
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- 1.0 **Purpose:** Prevent the use of lighting fixtures in University at Buffalo facilities that present a fire safety hazard through the use of exposed high temperature lamps as the light source.
- 2.0 **Scope:** All lighting equipment designed for residential interior use and using high temperature bulbs, approximately 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit, as the light source. Typically these are known as Torchiere Lamps.
- 3.0 **Applicable Codes & Guidelines:**
 - 3.1 Chapter 3, Section 305 Ignition Sources of the Fire Code of New York State.
 - 3.2 Consumer Product Safety Commission memo dated 4/9/98 and Press Release #97-173.
- 4.0 **Responsibilities:** All persons living, working and/or learning on campus are responsible for adherence to the policy.
- 5.0 **Definitions:** "Torchiere Lamps", typically floor lamps with a high temperature halogen bulb, drawing 300-500 watts of power, at approximately 970 to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and mounted at the base of a opened top globe.
- 6.0 **Procedure:** Torchiere style lamps are not permitted for use in University at Buffalo facilities as a best practice means of preventing the start of a fire that may threaten life and property. The following supports this restriction:
 - 6.1 *Chapter 3, Section 305.1 of the fire Code of New York State requires that "clearance between ignition sources, such as light fixtures, heaters and flame producing devices, and combustible materials shall be maintained in an approved manner."*
 - 6.2 *The consumer Product Safety Commission has documented statistical information on Torchiere lamps, clearly identifying them as a fire safety hazard. This information cites contact with combustible materials, exploding bulbs, electrical short circuits and lamp tip-over as specific hazards.*
- 7.0 **Document Management:** This procedure shall be reviewed once every three years, or as changes require.
- 8.0 **Associated Documents:**
 - 8.1 *Campus Commitment to Safety, University at Buffalo, Office of the Provost, Office of the Senior Vice President, April 3, 2001.*
 - 8.2 *Guide to Residence Hall Living, 2.10 Open Flames*
 - 8.3 *Student Conduct Rules, University Standards & Administrative Regulations*
- 9.0 **Document Revision History:**

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