**Appliances**

Individual microwave appliances are not permitted inside student rooms. Only combination microwave/fridge units are permissible. Hot plates, George Foreman type grills, and any other like cooking devices are not permitted inside student rooms.

**Candles**

The use of candles, incense, and/or open flames of any kind inside any University building is strictly prohibited. Even if the candle is being used for fragrance only and the wick is not burned, it is prohibited. Battery operated wax scented candle products are available and permitted.

**Lamps**

**Halogen Torchiere Lamp**

Due to their inherent fire safety hazard, halogen Torchiere style floor lamps and desk lamps with halogen tube bulbs are not permitted to be used in Tufts buildings.

- [CPSC Warning on Tubular Halogens](#)

**“Octopus” Style Floor and Desk Lamp**

This style of floor or desktop lamp is a potential fire hazard. Recently there have been documented dormitory fires caused by these types of lamps at colleges and universities.

The New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is investigating this issue for “possible production hazards” and to determine if a recall is necessary.

These styles of lamps are not permitted in Tufts buildings. If you have one of these lamps, please refrain from using it and remove it from your room as soon as possible.
**Power Strips**

The use of unprotected electrical power strips is strictly prohibited. Only power strips with fuse protection are permitted to be used inside University buildings.

**Electrical Extension Cords**

Electrical extension cords are strictly prohibited from use inside University buildings as permanent wiring. Should there be a need to use an electrical extension cord for permanent use, you must contact Facilities to have the area of use inspected to determine if additional electrical wall receptacles can be installed to accommodate your needs. For temporary use, the extension should be of the heavy duty, three wire type with ground plug. It should not be in excess of 6-8 feet in length. Do not run the cord under rugs or pile clothes on top of the cord. Overloading of an electrical wall receptacle may cause a fire or short circuit.