



GUIDELINES FOR DISPLAYS AND DECORATIONS IN SCHOOLS

Displays and decorations made of combustible materials are prohibited by fire code in stairways, foyers, lobbies, halls and other corridors of public buildings. However, because displays of children's work and other educational materials are an important part of the school program, certain displays and decorations will be allowed within the strict guidelines stated below.

- A. No combustible material of any kind may be attached to either side of a door or doorframe.
- B. All combustible material is at least three feet from any doorframe or edge of entryway.
- C. All combustible material is at least three feet above the floor.
- D. No combustible material may be placed higher than the tops of adjacent doorframes.
- E. For schools without doors and frames, material is limited to seven feet above the floor.
- F. Displays cannot exceed 25 feet in length.
- G. A ten-foot separation is required between 25-foot long displays. However, doors and entryways, plus the three feet on either side, provide sufficient separation.
- H. Fabric that has been treated with an approved fire retardant solution may be displayed on walls without the distance limitations stated in items B through G, provided a certificate is on file in the school stating that the material has been treated with a fire retardant. Material must be retreated each time it is cleaned (washed or dry cleaned).
- I. The display of materials on the walls inside classrooms is not subject to the distance restrictions stated in items B through G above.
- J. Combustible material may not be suspended from ceilings of foyers, lobbies, corridors, halls, and stairways.
- K. No material, treated or untreated, may be suspended from any light fixture or fire suppression equipment (sprinkler heads, smoke detectors, heat detectors) anywhere in the building, or be displayed in stairwells.
- L. Within a classroom, a limited quantity of combustible material may be suspended from the ceiling, provided it does not impede entrance and exit from the room.