

Safety Procedures for Lighting Religious Candles

Several residence hall fires have led to the tightening of fire/safety regulations. These procedures for lighting Shabbat and holiday candles have been developed with student safety as its primary concern. Following these simple guidelines and using common sense will lead to improved fire/safety.

Please supply the requested information below and submit this form to the Department of Community Living in Usdan. Community Living staff may consult the Chaplaincy office to verify the legitimacy of the request.

When lighting the candle, the following must be done:

1: The candlesticks may not exceed four (4) inches in height and must be placed in a pan filled with 1/2 inch of water. The pan must be large enough to catch the candles if they fall. Preferably, candlesticks should be made of metal.

2. The candlesticks must be placed on a table or desk completely cleared of other material, away from shelves and open windows. The candles should be at least 36 inches in all directions from any clothing, papers, books, wood shelves, wall hangings, posters or curtains.

Given their responsibility for fire/safety, Community Living staff may ask to examine your candle lighting procedures. Please cooperate fully and promptly.

You are advised that failure to follow these procedures may result in revocation of your candle lighting privileges and/or referral to the Student Conduct System.

Questions may be addressed to the Department of Community Living, the Chaplaincy, and/or Hillel.

I have read and understand the above information regarding fire/safety and agree to abide by the guidelines.

Student name (printed) _____ Building & Room _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Please provide copy to student