



Campus Wide Fire Marshal Violations

The following slides show the most common Fire marshal violations on campus and what can be done to prevent them.

Space Heater

- Space heaters are only permitted when the building heat falls below 68 degrees during regular occupied hours. If there is a cold area in a building, a work order must be submitted, and the facilities energy team will work to direct more heat to the designated area. Space heaters can not be utilized until Facilities Management approval is given. Please reach out to your Facilities Manager and review the policy linked below.
- https://policies.ucmerced.edu/sites/policies.ucmerced.edu/files/page/documents/portable_heater_policy.pdf

Appliances

- If a designated break room is available, appliances are not allowed in office spaces unless Facilities Management approves.
- All approved appliances must be plugged directly into a wall receptacle.
- Approved appliances are not permitted to be plugged into extension cords or power strips.
- **Prohibited Appliances: Hot plates, air fryers, ovens.**
- Mini Refrigerators are allowed only after Facilities Management verifies that electrical loads on the circuit can handle the additional load.
- Please reach out to your facilities manager or submit a work order to have appliances approved.

Appliances



Approved: Appliance plugged directly into wall receptacle.



High-amperage appliances (toasters, microwaves) must be plugged into designated circuits in break rooms.



Violation: Appliance plugged into extension cord/power strip.

Furniture

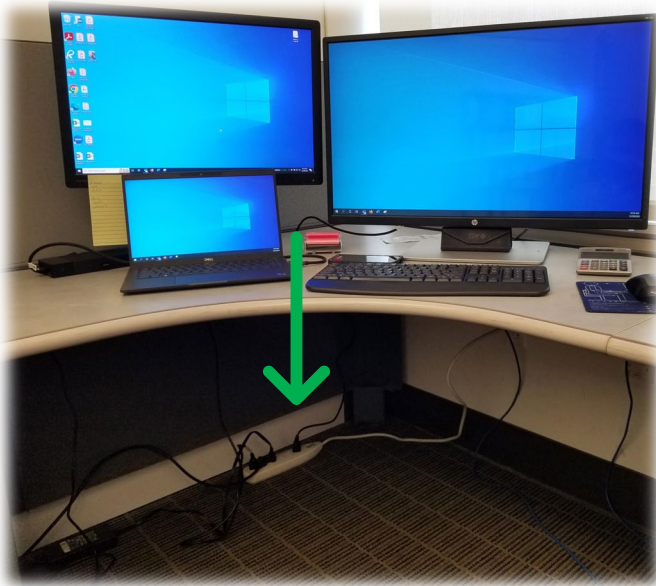
- All furniture on campus must be approved campus furniture that is fire retardant and approved by the State Fire Marshals Office.
- Personal furniture (couches, chairs, desks, sleeping bags, sleeping cots, lamps, bean bags...) is prohibited in campus buildings unless approved in writing by Facilities Management and the Fire Marshal.

Power Strips and Extension Cords

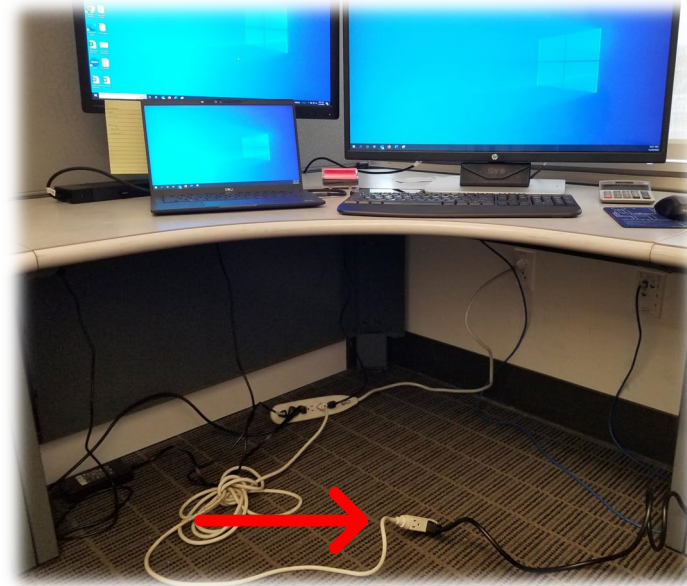
- Extension cords are prohibited on campus when utilized for permanent power.
- Power strips must have built-in protection and be UL 1449 listed.
- Appliances, heaters, and other large amperage items cannot be plugged into power strips.
- Computers, printers, chargers, and other small devices can be plugged into UL-listed power strips.

Power Strips and Extension Cords

Approved: Computer, printers, and small devices plugged in UL 1449 power strip.



Violation: Extension cord or power strip daisy chained into another power strip.



Violation: Appliance plugged into extension cord/power strip.



Combustible items

- Items that can add to the fire load of a building or room are not allowed inside UC Merced Campus Buildings; such items are:
 - Candles
 - Flammable decorative materials
 - Flags that have not been treated with a flame-resistant material
 - Excess storage of books, cardboard, papers, and other combustible materials

Additional Violations

- No items can be stored or placed within 18 inches of the ceiling or a fire sprinkler head
- Items can not block the path of travel to any exit
- Items can not block any fire alarm device (strobe, horns, fire extinguisher, fire alarm panel)
- 36 inches in front and 30 inches side to side must remain free and clear of any obstruction of electrical panels, fire extinguishers, and electrical disconnects.
- All doors equipped with self-closures can not be propped open at any time unless tied into the fire alarm system
- Window film cannot be added to any door or window without prior Facilities and Fire Marshal Approval.

Additional Violations

Violation: A door equipped with an automatic closer is propped open with a door stop.



Approved: Door with automatic closer closed securely.



Violation: Window coverings must be approved by Fire Marshal and made of fire-resistant material.



Approved:



Helpful Resources

- Facilities Managers Building Assignments
https://facilities.ucmerced.edu/sites/facilities.ucmerced.edu/files/documents/facilities_mgr_building_assignments.pdf
- Facilities Management work orders. <https://facilities.ucmerced.edu/>

