Stay Safe
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Here are a few tips from CUIMC Facilities Management to ensure a happy and safe holiday season.

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University policy prohibits live holiday decorations, including Christmas trees and wreaths, in all University buildings. Candles, oil lamps, incense, and other flame-producing items are strictly prohibited at the medical center. Use energy-efficient LED holiday lights instead.

BE PREPARED

Seasonal decorations are not allowed in corridors and should never block fire equipment or emergency exits. Do not secure decorations to fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, or other fire equipment; they can obscure their location and/or hamper their operation.

POWER RESPONSIBLY

Avoid using extension cords. If you need to use an extension cord, make sure it has the UL approved label and is of adequate gauge for the intended use. Do not run electrical cords beneath rugs or across work surfaces. Unplug decorative lights before leaving work and when the area is unoccupied.

Visit cumc.columbia.edu/facilities-management for additional holiday safety tips.