

# DECORATIONS, FIRE REGULATIONS ON

## POLICY

For the protection of lives and property, the Board believes state and local fire laws must be adhered to in use of all school buildings.

## PROCEDURE

MICHIGAN STATE LAW ON REGULATIONS COVERING DECORATIONS ON PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLAGE, Rule 9, is to be interpreted as procedure.

"It shall be unlawful to use in any building described herein, used or intended to be used for the purposes of assembly, amusement or instruction, or any building or portion of a building defined as a place of assembly, amusement or instruction, flimsy decorations of any type, such as: paper, paper streamers, cloth, artificial plants, trees, flowers, vines, leaves, moss, shrubs, grass, cotton batten or any other material or a combination of such materials, for decorative purposes or for soundproofing, acoustical, insulating, artistic enhancement regardless of whether it is flameproofed or not."

"Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of cut flowers or of natural trees, plants, shrubs, or grass for artistic enhancement or decorative purposes, provided such trees, plants, flowers, shrubs, or grass are in soil and are maintained in a healthy condition."

"The provisions of this section shall not apply to table linen, chairs, tables or other portable incidental furniture."

"Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to merchandise for sale or display for sale."

"Combustible furnishings such as drapes shall be treated with a flameproof solution, unless such material is of all wool and at least one-sixteenth of an inch thick, then this treatment will not be necessary. Any other type of furnishings, which in the opinion of the commissioner or fire chief may produce a quick or fast-burning fire, shall be treated with a flameproof solution in accordance with the specifications of the commissioner. All stage scenery, drapes, drops of type, shall be treated with flameproof solution in accordance with the specifications of the commissioner. The use of paper tablecloths is prohibited where smoking is permitted or where lighted candles are used. The use of imitation leather (or other material) consisting of or coated with a pyroxylin base is prohibited."

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

The following regulations for the installation and use of Christmas trees and decorations in school buildings in the City of Warren shall be as follows:

1. All trees must be artificial and must be fire resistant.
2. Christmas trees shall not be used or set up in school buildings earlier than seven (7) days prior to Christmas vacation.
3. The locations of Christmas trees shall be restricted to the following locations, and only one (1) tree at any one (1) location: in the auditorium, in the multi-purpose room, in the kindergarten room, or in the gymnasium.
4. No Christmas tree shall exceed eight (8) feet in height.
5. All Christmas trees must be dismantled within twenty-four (24) hours after Christmas vacation starts.
6. If electric lights are used on the Christmas tree, they shall be those bearing the label of the Underwriters Laboratories Seal of Approval for any such use. If and when electric lights are used, they shall be lighted only when under constant supervision of an authorized and responsible person (under no circumstances shall a student be classed as a responsible person).
7. All trees shall be located in a remote area of room or auditorium and kept away from all exits or aisle ways.
8. Under no circumstances shall Christmas trees be placed or set up in any hallway or corridor of any school building.
9. The use of candles, paper or other flammable decorations, regardless of whether they are flame-proofed or not, are prohibited. All decorations must be approved for use by the City of Warren Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau.
10. Electric lights inside the building must be unplugged when there is no occupancy.

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