

Electrical Appliances

Students may use clocks, sound equipment, computers, electric razors, hair dryers, electric fans, electric blankets, microwave ovens of 800 watts or less, refrigerators of 5 cubic feet or less, hot air popcorn poppers, and cool mist humidifiers in their rooms. Items which the College strictly prohibits include, but are not limited to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee Makers• Toaster Ovens• Air Conditioners• Hamburg & Sandwich makers• Popcorn Poppers (other than air)• Hot Plates• Rice Cookers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crock Pots• Broilers• Cup Warmers• Bread Makers• Toasters• Electric Heaters• Electric Woks• Electric Fry Pans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electric or Gas stoves• Deep Fryers• Beer Coolers• Kegolators• Hot Pots• Any unit with a heating coil
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*Torchiere type lamps with a halogen bulb, and other lamps with a halogen bulb greater than 60 watts, are not allowed. Incandescent light bulbs should not exceed 60 watts unless there is specific UL approval for a higher wattage.

Violators of any of the above policies will be charged \$50 and the item(s) will be immediately removed by either the Environmental Health & Safety staff or Security. Confiscated items will be donated to a local charity or discarded. If a student has any questions regarding the acceptability of a particular appliance, the Manager of Environmental Health & Safety should be contacted at x2406.

The wiring in some of the College's older residence areas may not support heavy use of electrical appliances. If this is a problem in a residence, the College may need to limit the use of certain appliances and will consult with the students in the residence to resolve the problem.

Fire Safety

Williams is concerned about the safety of every individual on campus and therefore has very strict fire safety regulations. Students who do not observe these regulations jeopardize the safety of others on this campus and therefore, will be subject to disciplinary action and/or fines.

State Law requires that hallways and stairways be completely clear at all times. This means that you can not store anything in these areas (examples: shoes, clothes racks, boxes, furniture, and bicycles). The Williamstown Building Inspector and the Williamstown Fire Chief enforce these regulations. Items left in halls may be removed and held at Buildings and Grounds.

Fire and life safety programs must receive community-wide support in order to be effective. Cooperation from students at fire drills, announced and unannounced, is expected. Students who do not vacate in a timely manner are subject to disciplinary action, and to the possibility of additional drills, with the individual house responsible for all costs associated with repeated drills.

Students who misuse, tamper or otherwise disturb fire safety equipment, including smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, pull stations, and fire doors, or activate the fire alarms due to smoking are subject to a \$250.00 fine as well as the cost of restoring the equipment. These students will be referred to the Dean's Office and may be dismissed or suspended from the College.

Candles (including those used for religious purposes), incense, and other open flame devices are not allowed in residential buildings. Students who want to light candles for religious purposes need to see the Chaplain's Office to make arrangements.

Possession of Candles, Incense, Prohibited Appliances, and Halogen Torchere Lamps

1st offense: \$50.00 fine and the student will be called into the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

2nd offense: \$100.00 fine and the student will be called into the Office of Environmental Health and Safety and required to view a fire safety video.

3rd offense: \$100.00 fine and referral to the Dean's Office for disciplinary action that may result in suspension or dismissal from the College.

Failure to Leave the Building for any Fire Alarm or Fire Drills

1st offense: student will be called into the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

2nd offense: \$100.00 fine and the student will be called into the Office of Environmental Health & Safety and required to view a fire safety video.

3rd offense: \$100.00 fine and referral to the Dean's Office for disciplinary action that may result in suspension or dismissal from the College.

Tampering with Fire Safety Equipment

Students who misuse, tamper or otherwise disturb fire safety equipment, including smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, pull stations, and fire doors, or activate fire alarms due to smoking are subject to a \$250.00 fine as well as the cost of restoring the equipment. Student will be called into the Office of Environmental Health and Safety and will be required to view a fire safety video. Students involved in a 2nd offense will be fined \$500.00 and will be referred to the Dean's Office for disciplinary action that may result in suspension or dismissal from the College.

Placing Lights or Items on Sprinkler Pipes or Sprinkler Heads

1st offense: student will be called into the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

2nd offense: \$50.00 fine and student called into the Office of Environmental Health and Safety to view fire safety video.

3rd offense: \$100.00 fine and referral to the Dean's Office for disciplinary action that may result in suspension or dismissal from the College.

Improper Disposal of Cigarettes

1st offense: \$250.00 fine and the student will be called into the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

2nd offense: \$500.00 fine and student will be called into the Office of Environmental Health and Safety to view a fire safety video and referral to the Dean's Office for disciplinary action that may result in suspension or dismissal from the College. Students are held responsible for the condition of their room, suite, entry, or common area. If the responsible person cannot be identified and held accountable for the improper disposal of cigarettes, the house, entry, or suite will be charged.

Williams College is a smoke free campus. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in College buildings, including student rooms, or within 25 feet of a College building. Alarm activations due to smoking will result in a \$250.00 fine for the first offense and \$500.00 for the second offense.

These fines and regulations will be progressive over your four years as a student at Williams College. If you have any questions about the policy, please call Matthew Boyer, Fire Safety Inspector, at x3967.

Room Entry and Inspection

Reminder – The College reserves the right to enter and inspect students' rooms and the contents thereof at any time. The reasons for such entry and inspection may include, but are not limited to, conducting health and safety inspections, insuring compliance with the College's housing policies or other rules, investigating suspected violations of those policies or rules, or acting in the interests of the safety or well-being of the occupants or others.