

Duke University Health System Decorative Materials Code Compliance Guidance

1. The amount of **non-combustible** decorations is not limited or restricted. Many printed materials can be done on glass, metal, etc.
2. **Foam board shall not be used.**
3. Elevator Door Wraps shall comply with UL 10B or UL 10C.
4. Exempt (decorative) materials include wall coverings, ceiling coverings, floor coverings, ordinary window shades, interior finish, and materials **0.025 inch or less in thickness applied directly to and adhering to a substrate.**
5. Specially manufactured products that meet Class A interior finish may be available as a substitute for combustible decorations.
6. Curtains and other fabrics shall meet the requirements of NFPA 701 unless specifically addressed in Fire & Life Safety OI 1-15.
 - a. Patient privacy curtains shall have a 70% open weave that extends at least 18 inches from the top of the curtain.
7. Decorations purchased with the characteristic of being flame retardant OR those that do not exceed a heat release rate of 100kW when tested in accordance with NFPA 289 using a 20kW ignition source would be permitted.
8. Testing documentation shall be maintained and available for audit during any inspection by an Authority Having Jurisdiction (e.g., The Joint Commission, Durham Fire Marshal)