

## **OPEN FIRES, CANDLES & OTHER OPEN FLAMES**

Students who either provide or contribute materials to burn or who ignite or attempt to ignite flammable materials will be considered in violation of this policy. Students also should realize that such actions violate state law and may result in a citation for unlawful burning.

*See additional information in the Duke University Safety Manual:*

[https://www.safety.duke.edu/sites/default/files/IV\\_1FireProtection.pdf](https://www.safety.duke.edu/sites/default/files/IV_1FireProtection.pdf)

### **Open Fires**

No open fire, cooking fire, campfire, or bonfire will be allowed on University property unless the individuals responsible have obtained a review by OESO F&LS. Written consent by OESO F&LS and a permit from the City of Durham Fire Prevention Division may also be required.

North Carolina state law prohibits the use of portable charcoal, gas, or electric grills within ten feet of any combustible materials including siding, decks, furniture, and mulch. Charcoal or electric grills which are not in use and cool to the touch may be stored in approved locations. Propane grills and tanks may neither be used nor stored within ten feet of buildings or combustible materials. Cooking on balconies is prohibited. Where cooking grills are approved, an approved fire extinguisher must be on site and all air handler intakes and building exit discharges must remain clear.

Open fire permits will be issued only on a case by case basis depending on weather conditions, acceptable location, and general compliance as outlined in this policy and local ordinances.

Sky lanterns are prohibited unless tethered (maximum fifteen feet) and constantly attended until extinguished.

### **Candles and Other Open Flames**

It is a violation of university policy to light any material on fire on campus. Candles, other open flame devices, and incense are strictly forbidden for use inside Duke University facilities. Battery or electrically powered candles will be used except when a religious activity specifically requires the use of a live flame. Students and groups will be held financially accountable for any damage they cause as a result of violating this policy and will be referred to the disciplinary process. Additionally, students may be subject to revocation of their Housing License for any violation of this policy.

Those individuals wishing to utilize live flame candles in observance of a religious holiday should contact Religious Life at Duke or Jewish Life at Duke for guidance. OESO Fire & Life Safety (OESO F&LS) will not accept requests directly from students. OESO F&LS will provide information concerning fire prevention directly to Religious Life at Duke and Jewish Life at Duke. Use of candles will not be permitted inside any residential facilities.

Requests for use of live flame candles in outdoor locations need to follow the same process and are subject to approval on a case by case basis.

All personnel should know the location of building fire equipment to include fire extinguishers and manual fire alarm pull stations.