

Categorical Waiver Available:

11. Combustible decorations on walls, doors and ceilings

CMS will consider a waiver to allow the use of the requirements found at LSC section 18/19.7.5 Furnishings, Mattresses, and Decorations, including sections 18/19.7.5.6, which allow the installation of combustible decorations on walls, doors and ceilings.

2012 NFPA 101 18/19 - 7.5.6 Combustible decorations shall be prohibited in any health care occupancy, unless one of the following criteria is met:

- (1)** They are flame-retardant or are treated with approved fire-retardant coating that is listed and labeled for application to the material to which it is applied.
- (2)** The decorations meet the requirements of NFPA 701, *Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films*.
- (3)** The decorations exhibit a heat release rate not exceeding 100 kW when tested in accordance with NFPA 289, *Standard Method of Fire Test for Individual Fuel Packages*, using the 20 kW ignition source.
- (4)***The decorations, such as photographs, paintings, and other art, are attached directly to the walls, ceiling, and non-fire-rated doors in accordance with the following:
 - (a)** Decorations on non-fire-rated doors do not interfere with the operation or any required latching of the door and do not exceed the area limitations of 19.7.5.6(b), (c), or (d).
 - (b)** Decorations do not exceed 20 percent of the wall, ceiling, and door areas inside any room or space of a smoke compartment that is not protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.7.
 - (c)** Decorations do not exceed 30 percent of the wall, ceiling, and door areas inside any room or space of a smoke compartment that is protected throughout by an approved supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.7.
 - (d)** Decorations do not exceed 50 percent of the wall, ceiling, and door areas inside patient sleeping rooms, having a capacity not exceeding four persons, in a smoke compartment that is protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.7.
- (5)***They are decorations, such as photographs and paintings, in such limited quantities that a hazard of fire development or spread is not present.