

**University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
Environmental & Occupational Health & Safety Services (EOHSS)**

Preparation for DCA-Fire Code Compliance Inspection

The New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Division of Fire Safety will begin fire code compliance inspections on April 8, 2009. Our goal is to identify and address as many fire code violations as possible before the inspector arrives on the campus. Your department's cooperation is critical as we work together to achieve this goal. EOHSS is available to assist as necessary and will also conduct random walk-throughs prior to the DCA inspection. Please look for these code violations and work practices in your department, report violations to a supervisor, and/or correct where possible.

Check Your Area for These Top 10 Fire Safety Code Violations

- ◆ **Corridors, room egresses and fire exit doors** - There are no obstructions or combustibles (boxes etc.).
- ◆ **Doorstops** - Only magnetic devices that are interlocked with the fire alarm are allowed for holding a door open. All other doorstops are not allowed.
- ◆ **Clutter** - There is no excessive paper or other combustibles - general housekeeping is good.
- ◆ **Compressed gas cylinders** - are secured and marked properly. If a chain is used, it is located around the upper third of the cylinder.
- ◆ **Electrical extension cords** - are not used (Power strips with circuit breaker protection are allowed except for large appliances which must be plugged directly into the socket.)
- ◆ **Devices with defective or damaged electrical wiring** - are not being used
- ◆ **Cube taps/multi-plug adapters** - are not used for multiple connections from a single outlet. A power strip is not plugged into another power strip.
- ◆ **Portable electrical space heaters and toasters** are not used.
- ◆ **Emergency Equipment** - Electrical boxes & fire extinguishers are not obstructed.
- ◆ **Storage near the ceiling** - There is at least 24" between the ceiling and any storage.

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