

BATTALION CHRISTMAS DECORATION REQUIREMENTS



THE CITADEL FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

2023

SAFETY MESSAGE

The Citadel Department of Public Safety supports the Battalion's desire to decorate for the holiday season, but reminds those setting up their decorations that there are safety requirements that must be followed. Below are issues that have been seen in the past few years identified during post setup safety inspections.

CHRISTMAS TREES:

Live Christmas trees are permitted in the Quad area only. No live trees are allowed within any barracks room, including Christmas wreaths. Wreaths are permitted on guardrails facing into the quad only. Fake wreaths are permitted on Barracks doors only.

CANDLES:

The use of any candles is prohibited within any barracks room. For those celebrating Hanukkah, Menorahs are only permitted that use electric lights, no open flame is allowed.

ELECTRICAL CORDS:

No multi-plug extension cords are allowed. These extension cords have a multi-plug adapter on one side and an extension cord on the other. These type of cords come in multiple colors, such as white, brown, and green.

The use of multi-plug adapters is also prohibited. These plugs are plugged into an outlet or extension cord and provide multiple outlets.



The only allowed multi-plug adapters are surge protectors that plug directly into wall outlets with the decorations plugged directly into the surge protector.



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EXTENSION CORDS:

Plugging multiple electrical appliances into a multi-plug adapter is prohibited, and using extension cords that are frayed and damaged is not allowed. Using tape to “fix” extension cords is not allowed. Cords that are damaged are required to be discarded. Cords are prohibited to run across the deck where people travel, unless they are completely taped down to prevent a tripping hazard.



The only permitted extension cords that are allowed are outside-rated extension cords. A tag or printed writing on the cord must state that the extension cord is outside-rated. Some extension cords are rated for indoor and outdoor use; these types are permitted. The tag must be present to ensure the proper cord is being used. If no tag is present the cord is prohibited.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTING:

Christmas lights are permitted to be used as lighting; using them as extension cords across walkways is prohibited. The lights shall be inspected for any damage before set up, and if damaged, they shall be discarded.

