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Prohibition of Cut Trees in all State-Owned and Leased University Facilities

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Contact Office Safety & Security (Department of), Office of Fire Safety

Oversight Executive
Associate Vice President for Safety & Security and Chief of Police

Applies To Academic Division and the Medical Center.

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Reason for Policy

To protect life and property by reducing fire risks posed to UVA buildings and occupants from the use of live cut trees (e.g., Christmas trees).

Definition of Terms

Terms

Description There are no terms that require definition.

Policy Statement

Due to the significant risks associated with live cut trees (dry texture coupled with extreme fire loads), the University prohibits live cut trees from being erected in all State-owned and leased facilities at the University.

Artificial Christmas trees are permitted as long as they are UL listed and maintain the specified fire ratings as prescribed by National Fire Protection Association and the International Fire Code.

Compliance with Policy:
Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion in accordance with relevant University policies and may result in prosecution in accordance with state and federal law. This includes complying with the applicable adopted version of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code along with the associated legal proceedings to restrain, correct, or abate

such alleged violation.

Direct questions about this policy to the Department of Safety and Security, Office of Fire Safety.

Procedures

Any exceptions must be approved by the Office of Fire Safety.

Policy Background

This is the first version of this policy.

Major Category Safety, Security and Environmental Quality

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