

MIT Chanukah Candle Lighting Safety Plan

Chanukah Menorahs and candles are allowed on campus when the following 6 safety precautions are followed:

1. Lit candles must be constantly attended until the candles have burned out or have been extinguished.
2. Assign an MIT person to be a fire watch and to ensure that this safety plan is implemented. They would report an emergency and evacuate if necessary. This could be done by activating an emergency alarm pull station and by vocally instructing students to leave the building.
3. Use sturdy metal, glass or ceramic holders that are deep enough to protect the flame
4. Keep decorations and any other combustible materials out of a 3 foot safe zone around the candles.
5. Use flame retardant materials (such as a baking sheet or tin foil) near and under the candles
6. Put matches and candles in water before disposal.

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<https://ehs.mit.edu/site/candles-sterno-cooking-open-flames-indoor-events>