

IMPORTANT: Fire Safety Hazard.

A variety of Residential Life departments around the country are sharing concerns with a specific type of student lamp that has become quite popular in recent years. The standing multicolor lamp (photo below) has become popular because of its fit with a variety of room decors as well as its student-affordable price!

The concern we are hearing indicates that a large number of shades on these lamps have melted. In one reported incident, this caused the build-up of toxic fumes and the melted plastic from the shade burned a hole in the bedspread. In yet another instance, a student had turned on the lamp and, within 15 minutes, the shade melted and the heat began to turn a poster on the wall brown.

If you own one of these lamps, we urge you to replace it with something safer. At minimum, PLEASE exercise caution if you have this kind of lamp, and do not place it near anything flammable - eg. posters or other wall hangings, bedding, curtains. Most certainly, do not toss clothing or other flammable items over this or any other lamp.

