

Understanding Lamps for Freshmen – Fire Safety at University of Rochester (updated 7/7/2017)



No, the open bowl creates a danger of collecting flammable items and students often put fabric covers on (towels) for dimming.



No, some octopus lamps may be safe and others are not. But there is no quick way to determine if this lamp is on the recall list or not – thus all are prohibited



Ok, with no restrictions



Ok as long as the bulb is not halogen. The lamp will say halogen somewhere on it. Wattage should be under 40 since the heat given off could produce enough heat to ignite combustibles.



Ok, but only if the shades are glass or metal and as long as you do not hang items off the lamp or turn the shades upward.



No, these lamps tend to fall and break. Most are used on beds or headboards lending to the possibility of starting a fire in the bedding. Also, the clip damages the furniture.



OK.



OK as long as it uses Compact Florescent Light bulb (CFL). These bulbs are cooler and tend not to create an ignition source.