Fire Safety and Furniture

Applying fire safety practices in our everyday activities is the best way to prevent fires from occurring, either at home or the workplace. One of the most common places for a fire to ignite is on upholstered furniture, many of which are started as a result of smoking materials. In fact, upholstered furniture is the leading burnable product involved in fatal fires in the United States.

All upholstered furniture purchased for use on campus must fulfill the flammability requirements set forth by the California Bureau of Home Furnishings Technical Bulletins 117 and 133. An easy way to verify whether the upholstered furniture meets these requirements is to look for the tag (sample at right) stating it meets Technical Bulletins 117 and 133.

When buying upholstered furniture for any area on campus, the purchase must be made through the Purchasing Department. Purchasing and Interior Design Services can then direct campus departments to the appropriate vendors to meet these requirements. Please contact Purchasing at x46516 or EH&S Fire Safety at x40155 for more information about how to purchase appropriate furniture for your workplace.