

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (MUSC)
MICROWAVE POLICY

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Introduction

MUSC is committed to providing a safe work environment for our employees, patients and visitors. In pursuit of this endeavor, the following Microwave Policy has been established to mitigate the potential for injury or loss of lives from microwave related fires. Microwave fires are the leading cause of fires and nuisance alarms.

Policy Objectives

To prevent fires and nuisances alarms by establishing a policy that provides safe operating protocol for microwave food preparation.

Protocol

1. Designate specific rooms to accommodate microwaves.
 - Smoke detectors must be maintained in all corridors of the facility.
 - Self-closure doors are required.
 - Microwaves are prohibited in offices.
2. Microwaves must be attended during food preparation.
3. Newspapers and other combustibles must not be stored near microwave usage areas.
4. Fire extinguisher placed within 75 feet.
5. Microwaves must be kept clean. Sauces or other spilled materials must be wiped clean after each use.

Policy Administration

Occupational Safety and Health Programs (OSHP) is responsible for implementation of this policy. Periodic inspections will be performed to ensure compliance. Violations will result in removal of microwave appliances and or possible disciplinary action.