

Upholstered Furniture and Mattress Fire Code Standards

Students who find it medically necessary to bring their own mattress or other upholstered furniture to campus must first seek approval through the College's disability accommodation request process. All requests will be reviewed on an individual basis and documentation of a need for their own mattress or other upholstered furniture does not guarantee that your application will be approved.

Springfield College is required to comply with the furniture fire code standards of both the local city government and the *Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code (527 CMR 1)*. All upholstered furniture that is constructed of one-half inch or more thickness padding are subject to these requirements, including mattresses.

The minimum fire resistance rating, which is noted on the original manufacturer's tag, for all upholstered furniture located within all student housing that is owned or operated by Springfield College must be labeled with certification of compliance with *California Technical Bulletin 129 (CAL129)* or *Title 16 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 1633 (16 CFR 1633)*. Any mattress that is missing the original manufacturer's tag or furniture that is not labeled with the appropriate certification is strictly prohibited.

Any student who is approved to bring their own mattress or other upholstered furniture to campus will be required to submit a photo of the original manufacturer's tag to Residence Life at least one week prior to bringing the item to campus. Upon receiving the photo, the tag will be reviewed for compliance by Residence Life and Facilities staff. If the item does not meet the standards outlined above, it will not be permitted on the premises. All student-owned mattresses and upholstered furniture are subject to inspection. Any item found not to be in compliance will be confiscated until the student can make arrangements to remove it from campus.