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ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE TIP OF THE WEEK

ACFR reminds the public to decorate safely and legally at school

DENVER, Colo. – With the beginning of the school year upon us, Adams County Fire Rescue would like to remind students, teachers and administrators about the proper and legal way to decorate classrooms and halls to avoid fire hazards.

Many schools use highly flammable materials to decorate for homecoming, Red Ribbon Week and major holidays. It's important to consider that International Fire Code Section 807.4.3.2 limits artwork and teaching materials on the walls of corridors (hallways) to not more than 20% of the wall area.

For classrooms, the International Fire Code Section 807.4.4.2 limits artwork and teaching materials on the walls to 20% of the wall area.

"Fire spread very quickly. Covering the common halls of schools with highly-flammable butcher paper, cardboard or other similar materials will spread fire even faster," Deputy Fire Marshal Chris Wilder said. "We really want to remind students, teachers and administrators to follow these regulations before they start decorating. It's for everyone's safety."

For a list of these and other safety tips, visit www.acfpd.org/safety-tips.

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