Stairwell, Corridor and Means of Egress Requirements

- No storage of any kind shall be permitted in stairwells. NFPA 1, 4-1.2
- No storage of any kind shall be permitted within 8 feet of exit doors and stairwell doors. NFPA 1, 3-1.6.1
- In no case shall the width of any portion of a corridor be less than 44 inches.

The following are prohibited in all corridors and elevator lobbies.

1. Any item which obstructs fire emergency equipment (fire alarm pull stations, sprinklers, fire extinguishers, etc.) NFPA 1-14.1
2. Any item which obstructs utility panels, utility valves, or electrical receptacles.
3. Laboratory procedures which involve transfer or processing of an infectious agent, potentially infectious agent, radioactive material or chemical. NFPA 1, 4-4.5
4. Storage or manipulation of ALL chemicals. NFPA 1, 4-4.5
5. Manipulation of biological agents or toxins which are assigned to Biosafety Level 2 or higher. NFPA 1, 4-4.5
6. Storage or use of compressed gas cylinders. NFPA 1, 4-4.5
7. Equipment which would present significant hazards under routine or emergency conditions, such as equipment that uses volatile materials or hazardous chemicals, equipment that may produce steam, excessive heat or aerosols, or equipment with unguarded belts, pulleys and/or gears. Examples of this type of equipment prohibited in all corridors includes, but is not limited to; scintillation counters, electrophoresis equipment, autoclaves, pumps, incubators, and centrifuges. NFPA 1, 4-4.5
8. Unapproved workstations (including copiers, office equipment, coffee stations, desks), break areas and waiting areas.
9. Furniture that contains polyurethane foam or other types of combustible padding or stuffing.
10. Combustible materials outside of enclosed cabinets. This includes journals, papers, books and boxes. NFPA 1, 4-4.5