

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
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**IMPORTANT**

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**TO:** DHCD Families in motels  
**FROM:** Robert Pulster, Associate Director  
Division of Housing Stabilization  
**RE:** Safety in motels and electrical appliances

Please be advised that the only electrical appliances allowed in your motel room are the microwave and refrigerator supplied by the motel. As you know, the motel rules that you agreed to upon entry into shelter prohibited use of electrical appliances in motel rooms.

As you can understand, your safety is our primary concern. Recently, a fire in a motel was caused by an unauthorized appliance.

Once again, we want to ensure your family's safety and ask for your attention and cooperation in sustaining a safe environment for all guests at the motel. Please be aware that DHCD has asked staff to take possession of any prohibited electrical appliances in your room which will be returned upon exit from the motel.

Thank you for your cooperation with this effort.

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