



Sterno Use Policy

I. Scope

This policy applies to all members of the campus community (students, faculty and staff) and everyone else who uses Sterno or similar products on Campus.

II. Policy

It is preferred that electrical food warming devices are used instead of Sterno; particularly in all areas that are not protected by fire sprinkler systems. If the use of electrical devices is not feasible and Sterno use is the only alternative, then the following precautions shall apply.

III. Precautions

Sterno is acceptable only in the following locations



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Appendix: Sterno® Brand Safety Tips

Always use CAUTION when handling OPEN FLAME products
Always use a blunt object, such as a spoon, to pry off the lid
Always cup hand over lid when opening can
Always remove excess gel from lid if it is being used as a regulator
Always wash fuel residue from hands
Always place the can underneath the chafing dish or beverage urn before lighting
Always make sure cans are placed securely in equipment
Always use a long handled match or butane lighter to light cans
Always use a snuffer paddle, regulator or saucer to extinguish flame
Always wait until can is cool before touching

Never use a sharp knife to pry off lid
Never use a lit can to light another can
Never carry lit cans
Never carry chafing dishes or beverage urns with lit cans
Never touch cans while still hot
Never allow loose clothing, napkins or tablecloths near flame
Never allow hair to fall near flame
Never use hands to extinguish flame
Never blow out flame of Sterno® Brand Gel or Hot Spot® to extinguish