In the interest of residence hall safety, Grove City College is requiring that all lamps with plastic shades similar to the one pictured above be removed from student rooms and other buildings on campus. **If you own one of these lights, please unplug it immediately and remove it from the building.**

These lamps can be found at Walmart, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and other common chain stores. They have become quite common because they are not only inexpensive (less than $20) but "cute". Many institutions have reported problems with these lamps melting and several have narrowly avoided residence hall fires as a result.

In one room, this caused the build-up of toxic fumes and the melted plastic from the shade burned a hole in the bedspread. Another instance involved a student who had turned on the lamp and, within 15 minutes, the shade melted and the heat began to turn a poster on the wall brown. Again - a very close call. Note that residence life staff determined that the proper watt bulbs were being used in these lamps at the time.

The New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control is investigating this issue as well as the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for "possible production hazards" and to determine if a recall is necessary.

If you have any first hand knowledge of a problem or you have additional questions, please contact your RD, or the Campus Safety Office at x2111.

Thank you for your assistance with this very important matter.