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PETER J. OSTROSKY
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To: Heads of Fire Departments
From: Peter J. Ostroskey, State Fire Marshal
Date: March 8, 2022
Re: **Flying Wish Paper**

Our Fire Safety Division was recently made aware of “Flying Wish Paper” being offered for sale at stores across the Commonwealth, in violation of 527 CMR 1.00, the Massachusetts State Fire Code.

Briefly, Flying Wish Paper is a flammable tissue paper-like material commonly sold at bookstores and/or novelty gift stores. It is marketed with the intention that user writes a goal, wish, or intention on the paper before igniting it and watching it take flight. Once lit and airborne, Flying Wish Paper poses a significant fire hazard.

It is the shared position of the Department of Fire Services and the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office that Flying Wish Paper functions similarly to sky lanterns and is therefore prohibited from use in the Commonwealth pursuant to 527 CMR 1.00. More specifically, 527 CMR 1.00, 10.10.9.3, states that the use of unmanned, free-floating sky lanterns and similar devices utilizing an open flame shall be prohibited. Further, sale of Flying Wish Paper in the Commonwealth may constitute a violation of the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 93A, § 2.

If you find Flying Wish Paper being offered for sale in your community or if you have any questions, please contact the Department of Fire Services’ Code Compliance and Enforcement Unit at (978) 567-3375.



write it



light it



watch it fly