

The 39 Prohibited Categories of Creative Labor

Class 12

הַמְכַבֵּה - Extinguishing

What:

Extinguishing or reducing a flame

Do:

Open a window to air out a room if there is no wind blowing

Set up a timer before Shabbat

Remove a pin from a timer to prevent or extend the amount of time an appliance is off

Put aluminum down to catch sparks

Soaking the non burning parts of a cloth with a (preferably colored) liquid

Place containers of water around a flame that will rupture when the flames reach it

Move an item on fire to a place it will burn itself out

Anything needed if there is a threat to life

Tell a non-Jew to put out a fire if it is possible sefarim or mezuzot may get burned

Pick up (in a strange manner if possible) a fallen candle before it sets fire to things (if it falls where it can set a fire)

If burning clothing can not be removed quickly, stop drop and roll and anything else needed

Don't:

Blow out a candle

Cover a candle with a cup to snuff out the oxygen

Lower the oven

Open a door if candles are nearby or will be affected easily from the movement

Place a pan of water under candles to catch sparks even before Shabbat

Put out a fire that is not a threat to life even if a threat to pocket book

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וְהַמְבִיעִיר - Kindling

What:

Kindling or increasing a flame

Do:

Open and close your refrigerator or freezer if no lights will go on and no fans directly.

Move if in a dangerous place wax candle lamps

Move an electric light being careful to keep it plugged in out of your room

Adjust a fan to blow towards you

Read near electric lights

Don't:

Light a match

Turn up the oven

Fan a flame or fire place

Blow lightly on to a flame

Stick a needle in to a flame making it red hot

Drive a car

Adjust a timer to cause a light to turn on sooner

Squeeze the trigger of a toy spark gun

Move an oil lamp

Set a dishwasher or other noisy appliance

Take a bath