Tall Buildings 4. Built Form

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b. MIT's Eastgate graduate housing is one of the tallest buildings in Cambridge. However, due to its small floorplate and slender volume, the presence of the building is not obtrusive to the surrounding neighborhood.

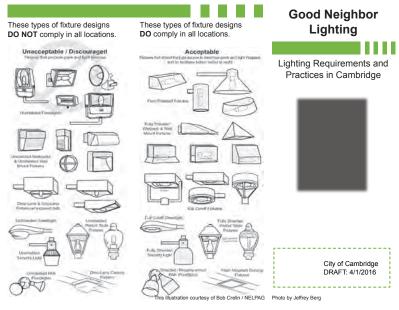
- c. Vertical proportions, recessed breaks between bays, varied materials, and distinct building tops lend these tall buildings unique identities and reduce their apparent scale (left: 100 Landsdowne Street, Cambridge; right: Waterplace housing, Providence, RI)
- d. Use of lighting to increase the legibility of building tops at night (Amgen Building, Cambridge)

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- 3. Pedestrian light fixtures should be no more than 14 feet (14') tall, and be anchored by a pedestal base that is of proportion to the height and circumference of the pole of a complementary material.



GOOD NEIGHBOR LIGHTING



6. Amenity Lighting (LED) 7. Cree Edge Series

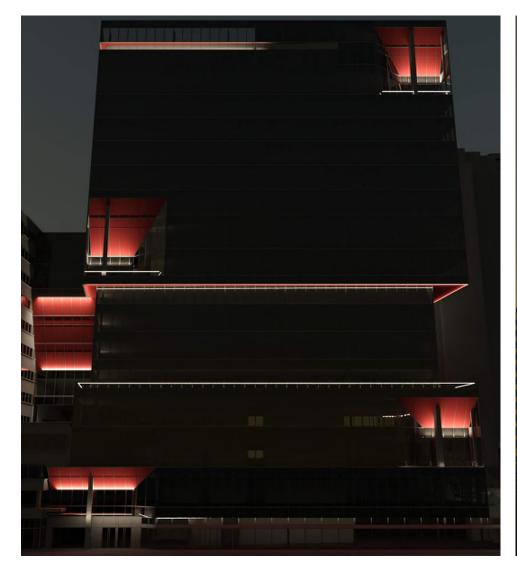


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^{1.} See "Good Neighbor Lighting" PDF in Appendix

^{2.} See Chapter 15.22 Outdoor Lighting Section 15.22.050 1. Prescriptive Standard

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