

FIRE SAFETY

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

Fire claims the lives of thousands of people each year, yet students usually believe that "it won't happen to me." In reality, 1,800 documented fires occur on college campuses each year.



PREVENTION IS THE KEY TO FIRE SAFETY:

- Candles, fireworks, explosives, charcoal/gas grills, oil lamps, incense or any combustible device (i.e., Gasoline, benzene, flammable liquids, chemicals) or anything with an open flame is prohibited inside any campus building.
- Smoke outside only in parking lot locations that are at least 50 feet away from the hall. Smoking is not permitted inside the Residence Halls.
- Avoid using hot plates, George Forman grills, or any other cooking appliance in your room.
- Never leave cooking food unattended.
- Don't hang tapestries or posters from the ceiling.
- Don't run cords for appliances, cable line, or extension cords under your rugs.
- Know how much voltage your power strip can hold and don't overload it. Multi-plug outlets are not permitted.
- If you know of someone who is thinking of setting a fire, notify a staff member immediately.
- Halogen lamps or other high-intensity lamps are not permitted.
- Live-cut Christmas trees and flammable decorations, neon signs and strings of lights (including Christmas and rope lights) that do not meet URL requirements are not permitted.
- Pulled alarms and false alarms create student apathy. Never pull an alarm as a prank.

Evacuation and Fire Alarm Procedures:

1. Assume all fires alarms are real fires! **Never ignore alarms.**
2. Stay calm and evacuate the building via the nearest safe exit. It's important to know at least two ways to exit your building from your room in case one exit is blocked by fire.
3. Warn others. Wake up your roommate. On your way out, use a pull station to sound the alarm if it's not already ringing.
4. If the hallway is smoky, crawl low in smoke.
5. Use stairwells, not elevators.
6. Once you are outside, **STAY OUTSIDE.** Move at least 50 feet away from the building to allow the fire department easy access to the building.
7. Go to your building's designated meeting place so you can be accounted for. Let staff know if you know someone is still inside.

IF YOU NEED EVACUATION ASSISTANCE:

Wait for the crowd to pass, and then move to an area near a safe stairwell for evacuation. (Area of Refuge). Have someone notify Campus Safety and Security of your location and stairwell address.

IF YOU ARE TRAPPED IN A ROOM:

1. If you can, call 911 on your cell phone or Campus Safety and Security at 2311 on the Campus phone and let them know your situation and location.
2. Keep the door closed. Seal cracks and vents with towels to prevent smoke from coming in to the room.
3. Signal out a window for help.

Campus Safety and Security

ON CAMPUS, DIAL **2311**
OFF CAMPUS, DIAL **498-2311**



Be Prepared: Know where extinguishers are located in your building and how to use them in case of a fire.

Fire and Safety Coordinator

On campus, dial 2594 | Off campus, dial 498-2594

