

Help Eliminate Campus Fire Hazards

- 🚫 **NO SMOKING IN DOORS**
- 🚫 **ONLY COOK IN APPROVED KITCHEN AREAS**
- 🚫 **ELECTRICAL ABUSE IS PROHIBITED**
 - 🔌 Do not overload outlets by using surge protectors or extension cords.
 - ☕ Coffee pots, flat irons, or any other appliance that produces heat should not be left unattended.
- 🚫 **NO OPEN FLAMES ALLOWED IN RESIDENCE HALLS** This includes candles, Bunsen burners, incense, space heaters, etc.
- 🚫 **HAZARDOUS STORAGE** Dispose of all waste and trash as soon as possible. These things are not to be stored in the hallways or stairwells.
- 🚫 **FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS** Gasoline, ether, paint, glue, etc are not allowed in the residence halls for any reason. Flammable liquids are acceptable in laboratories, shops and classrooms as long as they are contained and in limited quantities.
- 🚫 **DO NOT KEEP OBSTACLES IN EXIT WAYS** This includes bicycles, chairs, desks or any other item prohibiting the exit of a dwelling.



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Fire Safety In the Residence Halls



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If There Is A Fire

1. **SOUND THE ALARM** – if you discover or suspect a fire, sound the building alarm. If there is no alarm in the building, warn the other occupants by knocking on doors and shouting as you leave.
2. **LEAVE THE BUILDING** – try to rescue others only if you can do so safely. Move away from the building and out of the way of the fire department. Don't go back into the building until the fire department says it is safe to do so.
3. **CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Dial 911 or use any "emergency" phone. Give essential information: building, floor, room, etc. Stay on the line until the emergency dispatcher confirms receipt of instructions.

To Survive a Building Fire

CRAWL IF THERE IS SMOKE – if you get caught in smoke, get down and crawl. There is cleaner and cooler air near the floor.

FEEL DOORS BEFORE OPENING – before opening any doors, feel the metal knob. If it is hot, DO NOT open the door. If it is cool, brace yourself against the door, open it slightly and if heat or heavy smoke are present, close the door and stay in the room.

GO TO THE NEAREST EXIT OR STAIRWAY – if the nearest exit is blocked by fire, heat or smoke try to find another way out.

Always use the stairs to exit, not the elevator! Elevator shafts may fill with smoke or the power may fail, leaving you trapped. Stairway fire doors will keep out fire and smoke -if they are closed- and will protect you until you get outside.

Close as many doors as possible as you leave. This will help confine the fire.

FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

If You Get Trapped

1. **KEEP THE DOORS CLOSED** – seal cracks and vents if smoke comes in. If you are trapped in a room and there is no smoke outside, open the window – from the top, if possible, this lets the smoke out the top and allows clean air to enter through the bottom.
2. **SIGNAL FOR HELP** – hang an object, such as a bed sheet or jacket, out the window to signal to the people outside that you are in that room. If possible call the fire department and inform them of your exact location (room number & floor).

DO NOT JUMP; THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL RESCUE YOU.

If You Are On Fire

STOP, DROP AND ROLL wherever you are to smother the flames.

COOL BURNS immediately with cool tap water. Do not use ointments. If your skin blisters, becomes dead white, brown or charred seek medical care.

Using a Fire Extinguisher

Only use a fire extinguisher if the fire is very small and you know how to so it safely. If the extinguisher puts out the fire, leave immediately. Make sure the fire department is called even if you think the fire is out.

Remember the PASS-word for operating a Fire Extinguisher:

P = Pull the pin

A = Aim low at the base of the fire

S = Squeeze the lever above the handle

S = Sweep from side to side



Protect Yourself

Plan Ahead

Learn where other exits are located within your work or living area

Learn procedure to follow during a fire alert or fire drill

The fire safety section offers fire safety emergency procedures

If You are Physically Impaired

If you are disabled (even temporarily), you should do the following:

- Learn about fire safety
- Plan ahead for fire emergencies
- Be aware of your capabilities and limitations

Look for "areas of refuge" like enclosures or the other side of the corridor fire doors. Elevators are not safe during fires. Sometimes it may be safer to stay in your room. Follow the advice for being trapped. If there is an immediate threat to safety, ask for assistance.

Report Damaged Fire Equipment

Fire Doors>should close completely and automatically

Exit Signs>two exits should be visible from all public areas

Fire Alarms>horns, bells, pull stations should be accessible and not vandalized

Smoke Detectors>keep them clear so they can detect smoke

Fire Extinguishers>report empty or vandalized extinguishers

Report Fire Related Crimes to the Police

Tampering with life safety equipment, fire alarms, fire extinguishers or causing a false fire alarm is a crime.

The use or possession of fireworks is not permitted and against the law.