

Residence Hall Safety



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Be Prepared For a Fire

1. Your Residence Hall should have an evacuation plan. Learn it and participate in all fire drills.
2. If you hear an alarm, leave immediately. Close doors behind you as you go. Take room keys and ID card; if you can't escape you may have to return to your room.
3. If you have a disability, make sure you are included in the escape planning for your classroom area and housing.
4. Learn the location of all building exits. You may have to find your way out in the dark.
5. Make sure your building has smoke alarms. Do not disable them or remove batteries.
6. The best protection is a building with a fire sprinkler system.
7. Don't hang anything from fire sprinkler pipes or nozzles.
8. Keep a flashlight handy.

Escape tips

1. If you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.
2. Before opening a door, feel the door. If it's hot, use your second way out.
3. Use the stairs; never use an elevator during a fire.
4. If you're trapped, call University Police at 911 (campus phone) or 632-3333 (cell) and tell them where you are.
5. Seal your door with rags and signal from your window.
6. Open windows slightly at the top and bottom, but close them if smoke rushes in from any direction.
7. If you have a disability alert others of the type of assistance you need to leave the building.

Smoking

1. If you must smoke, only smoke outside of the building and only where it's permitted. Smoking is NOT permitted 25ft from any building
2. Use deep, wide, sturdy ashtrays. Ashtrays should be set on something that is sturdy and hard to ignite.
3. It's risky to smoke when you've been drinking or when you're drowsy.
4. Don't smoke in bed.

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5. Soak cigarettes before you empty ashtrays.
6. After a party, check furniture and cushions for smoldering butts.

Cooking

1. Cook only where it's permitted.
2. If you have a kitchen, keep it clean and uncluttered.
3. No electric cooking appliances are permitted in dorm rooms.
4. Never leave cooking unattended.
5. If a fire starts in the microwave oven, located in the lounge, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.

Candles

1. Don't burn candles, incense or candle warmers.

Electrical

1. Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.
2. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging an appliance into a receptacle outlet.
3. Don't pinch cords against walls or furniture or run them under carpets. Never tack or nail cords.
4. Don't overload your wiring.
5. Buy only appliances that have the label of an independent testing lab.
6. Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.
7. Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn.
8. No neon lamps
9. Do not place fabric over bedroom or suite lighting, it may catch fire.

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