

Campus Safety Bulletin

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"FIREPROOF YOURSELF"



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Going to college is an exciting time for young adults. For most, it's your first time living in your new "home away from home". Not only does it give you more freedom to make your own choices, but it also gives you an increased level of personal responsibility for your own safety. Fire Safety could not be a more important issue at this juncture in life, though it's one of the last things on our minds. Do you know any fire safety tips? Think about it. The last fire safety training you probably received was back in grade school. But it's important that both residential and commuting students understand fire risks and the preventative measures that could save your lives. Here are some tips that can help you "Fireproof Yourself":

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

COOKING

- Cook only where it is allowed.
- Keep your cooking area clean and free of anything that can burn.
- Keep an eye on what you are cooking, especially if you are cooking at high temperatures.
- If a fire starts in a microwave, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.

CANDLES

- Candles, incenses, or other open-flame devices are prohibited in Residence Halls.
- Place candles in sturdy holders.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Keep candles away from anything that can burn.
- Use flameless candles.

SMOKING

- Smoking is prohibited in all Residence Halls and within 100 feet of any campus building.
- Make sure cigarettes and ashes are out.
- Use deep, wide ashtrays. Place ashtrays on something sturdy and hard to burn.
- Don't smoke when you have been drinking or are drowsy.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Keep lamps, light fixtures, and light bulbs away from anything that can burn.
- Never use an extension cord with large appliances, like a refrigerator.
- Do not overload outlets.
- Use only surge protectors or power strips that have internal overload protection.

ESCAPE PLANS

- Always know two ways out, no matter where you are.
- Get low and go under the smoke to escape to your safe exit.
- Feel the door before opening it. If it's hot, use the second way out.
- Use the stairs; never use an elevator during a fire.

As you get settled into your new home away from home, please take a few minutes to make sure you are familiar with the Fire Safety Tips, as well as each residence hall's fire and emergency procedures. You never know when or where the next campus fire will happen.

***And remember make the time to
"Fireproof Yourself" TODAY!***