



College Safety

College and university students living away from home can practice safety behaviors to protect themselves and their belongings in a fire emergency.

SAFETY TIPS

- Look for fully sprinklered housing when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.
- Make sure your dormitory or apartment has smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside every sleeping area and on each level. All smoke alarms should be interconnected so that when one sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least monthly.
- Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.
- Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing.
- If you live off campus, draw a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place. Practice the plan twice a year. Review the plan with overnight guests.
- When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.
- Burn candles only if the school permits their use.
- A candle is an open flame and should be placed away from anything that can burn.
- Never leave a candle unattended. Blow it out when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- During a power outage, use a flashlight. Make sure you have fresh batteries.
- Smoke only where it is permitted, preferably outside the building.
- Use sturdy, deep, non-tip ashtrays.
- Don't smoke in bed or when you've been drinking or are drowsy.
- Cook only where it is permitted.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- Cook only when you are alert, not sleepy or drowsy from medicine or alcohol.
- Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.
- Use a surge protector for your computer and plug the protector directly into an outlet.



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