



OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

As you move into your off-campus apartment, unpack and ready yourself for school, there is one more thing to add to your TO-DO List: **Fire Safety**

When you first move in, do this:

- Make sure you have functional smoke detectors on each floor, and in each bedroom. ***THIS IS CRITICAL!***
- Keep furniture away from exits...doors and windows.
- Develop an escape plan. Have TWO ways out.
- Keep hallways clear.
- Make sure there is a decent fire extinguisher in the kitchen area.
- Avoid using extension cords whenever possible! Do not staple, nail, tape or run under carpeting. Do not overload!

Throughout the school year, do this:

- Evacuate when smoke detectors activate. Call 911.
- Candles are ***extremely dangerous!*** Keep away from curtains, posters, or anything flammable. Never leave unattended. If you have pets, avoid candles.
- Do not leave cooking unattended, EVER!
- Always keep stove-tops clutter-free (No pizza boxes!).
- Do not use grills on porches or balconies. Keep away from the house.
- Discard smoking materials appropriately. Check furniture after a party.
- Alcohol increases risky behavior, and is large factor in fire deaths. Have a sober fire-watch.
- Avoid having parties in attics and basements. These areas usually have only one way out.
- Be careful with portable heaters. Keep away from combustibles.
- Purchase renter's insurance (usually around \$150/year).

If you have any questions or concerns, contact:

- Acting Fire Chief Marc Scrivener: (860) 465-3120
- On-duty Fire Captain: (860) 465-3124.
- Fire Marshal Mike Licata: (860) 465-3044
- Director of Housing Code Enforcement Matthew Vertefeuille: (860) 465-3070

