Fire Safety Off Campus Housing
College students living away from home should take a few minutes to make sure they are living in a fire-safe environment. Educating students on what they can do to stay safe during the school year is important and often overlooked.

Safety Tips:

- Look for fully sprinkled housing when choosing an off campus housing.
- Ensure you can hear the building alarm system when you are in every room of your apartment or house.
- Make sure smoke detectors are installed and working in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area, and on each level of the apartment unit or house.
- Test all smoke detectors and alarms monthly.
- Never remove batteries, cover or disable the detectors.
- Learn and practice a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- Create a meeting location for everyone to assemble.
- Protect your belongings with renters insurance.
- Dispose of used charcoal in metal receptacle with lid.

Candle Care
A candle is an open flame and should be placed away from anything that can burn.

- NEVER leave candles unattended. Blow it out when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Extinguish candles when you leave the room or before going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from drapes, books, papers, or other flammable objects.
- Place candles on flat surface where they will not be accidently overturned.
- Use a candleholder to catch hot wax (hot liquids burn like fire).
- Ceiling fans and vents can cause air currents which cause rapid, uneven burning and dripping.

Smoking Sense

- If you smoke, smoke outside and only where permitted. Use sturdy, deep, non-tip ashtrays.
- Don’t smoke in bed or when you’ve been drinking, your tired, or drowsy.
- Designate a sober “safety” person to ensure all cigarette butts are put out after parties.

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In Case of Fire:

Make sure there are two clear routes to safety.

When a fire is detected get out of the house, THEN Call 911.

If trapped in the home call 911 even if the fire department has already arrived.

As you exit close all doors behind you.

Prevention:

Never smoke when drowsy or when in bed.

Never leave food cooking unattended.

Turn all pot handles toward middle of stove top.

Use portable space heaters with care and free of flammable material. No combustible materials within 3 feet of space heater. Do not use open coil space heaters.

Plug only one heat-producing appliance into an electrical outlet (and not with other electrical devices).

Close bedroom doors when sleeping.

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Alcohol impairs judgment, slows reaction times and affects coordination. Consumption of alcohol or other drugs lowers the probability of quick and logical evacuation and often is a contributing factor of the cause of the fire.

Being alert to an emergency is a vital first step in being able to survive it.

Smoke detectors:

Needed since more than half of fatal fires strike at night.

Should be installed on every level and every bedroom

Replace batteries twice a year.

Test smoke detectors monthly.

Never paint any part of the smoke detector.

Never deactivate or tamper with smoke detector.

Carbon monoxide detectors:

Needed in apartments or buildings where there is a use of gas appliances.

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