



COLLEGE FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

A few simple habits can keep students safe in a dorm, apartment, or off-campus house.

✓ COOKING

- Never leave food cooking unattended
- Don't cook when you're tired, distracted, or drinking
- Keep paper, packaging, and dish towels away from the stove
- Grease fire? Lid on the pan, burner off — never use water
- Oven or microwave fire? Keep the door shut and turn off

✓ ELECTRONICS

- Use a surge protector with overload protection
- Don't plug power strips into each other
- Never use extension cords on big appliances
- Get rid of damaged or frayed cords
- Don't charge electronics in or on bed sheets

✓ OPEN FLAMES

- Swap candles for plug-ins, reed diffusers, or LED lights
- Never smoke in bed, or anywhere you might fall asleep
- Put out cigarettes in proper containers, not trash cans

✓ SMOKE ALARMS & FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Check for smoke alarms on every level and in every bedroom
- Test smoke alarms monthly and swap batteries as needed
- Get a fire extinguisher and know how to use it

✓ FIRE ESCAPE PLANS

- Always have two ways out of any room
- Treat every alarm as real and get out quickly
- Take the stairs, never the elevator
- Pick a meeting spot outside with your roommates

✓ IF A FIRE STARTS

- Get out and stay out
- Stay low if you see smoke
- Call 911 from a safe location



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FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

Fires can happen anywhere, even in dorms or apartments. Having a plan can help you and your friends get out safely. Take a few minutes now to create your fire escape plan!

1

MAP IT OUT

Draw a map of your space. Show all doors, windows, and ways out.

2

KNOW YOUR EXITS

Identify two ways out of your room and where to go outside.

3

CHOOSE A MEETING SPOT

Pick a safe place outside your building where everyone will meet.

4

PRACTICE YOUR PLAN

Go through your plan with your roommates at least **2 times** a year.



MY ESCAPE PLAN

REMEMBER: ONCE YOU EXIT, DO NOT GO BACK INSIDE!