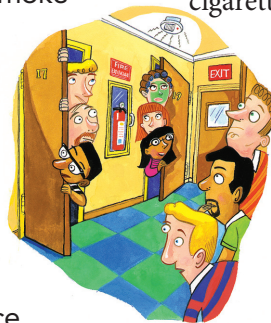


# College Campus Fire Safety

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 sprinklered housing when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.
- Make sure you can hear the building alarm system when you are in your dorm room.
- If you live in a dormitory, make sure your sleeping room has a smoke alarm, or your dormitory suite has a smoke alarm in each living area as well as the sleeping room. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the dormitory suite should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- If you live in an apartment or house, make sure smoke alarms are installed in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area, and on each level of the apartment unit or house. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the apartment unit or house 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, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- Cook only when you are alert, not sleepy or drowsy from medicine or alcohol.
- Check with your local fire department for any restrictions before using a barbeque grill, fire pit, or chimenea.
- Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.



## Smoking Sense

UCSC is a smoke free campus. Smokers should practice extreme caution in wild areas beyond the campus. Do not toss cigarette butts on the ground.

Candles and burning are not permitted on the UCSC campus. See Student Policies and Regulations for complete guidelines.

## FACT

- ! Fires in dormitories are more common during the evening hours, between 5–11 pm, and on weekends.
- ! Roughly six out of seven fires in dormitories are started by cooking.



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## for students



## FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS

- 1. Make sure your sleeping room has working smoke detectors.
- 2. Plan to survive ... know two ways out from your room.
- 3. Have food on hand that doesn't require cooking. Cooking when you've had too much to drink increases the chance you'll make a mistake or start a fire.
- 4. Buy flameless candles. They come in all sizes, colors and scents.
- 5. Make sure you know and practice a fire escape plan.
- 6. Talk with your roommates and determine a safe place to meet outside in case of a fire.
- 7. Clear exits/hallways/stairs. In case of a fire, you'll need to leave quickly.
- 8. Clean the dryer lint trap before and after each use. Help keep dryers safe.
- 9. Leave quickly when the fire/smoke alarm sounds. Spending time retrieving items increases your chances of being trapped. Leave everything and GO.
- 10. Friends keep friends safe from fire-related hazards. Share this checklist ... pass fire safety tips along to friends!



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