



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.

Fires in college housing are more common during the evening and weekends when students are in their residences. And, while most of the fires are cooking-related (hot plates, microwaves, portable grills, etc.), the majority of fire deaths occur in the bedroom.

Campus Fire Safety Tips:

When living in off campus housing, ensure there is a working smoke alarm installed inside each sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the apartment unit or house. For the best protection, all smoke alarms should be interconnected so that when one alarm sounds, they all sound.

Students should cook in designated areas only, and never leave cooking equipment unattended when in use. Stay in the kitchen while cooking.

Many dorm fires are associated with smoking materials like tobacco products, candles, and incense. Always extinguish flames before leaving the room or going to sleep.

Electrical products, portable heaters, and lighting such as halogen lamps are the source of many dorm fires. Keep combustibles away from heat sources and do not overload electrical outlets, extension cords or power bars.

Take special care with holiday and seasonal decorations. Do not use combustible materials and never block access to safety exits, devices, doors, etc.

Know your building's evacuation plan and know two ways out.

Never remove batteries or disable a smoke alarm.

Make sure you know the sound of your buildings alarm system and can hear the building alarm when you are in your room. If you hear the alarm, make sure you go outside quickly and stay out!

For more information visit: www.knowfire.ca or www.campusfiresafety.org.