

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY

For Student with Disabilities



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Student Checklist



Make sure your sleeping room has working smoke alarms adapted to meet your access needs.



Have food on hand or a plan for accessing prepared meals that don't require cooking. Cooking when you're physically/mentally/emotionally fatigued or when you've had too much to drink increases the chance of mistakes that may cause fires.



Plan to survive ... know at least two ways to effectively evacuate your room or strategies for sheltering in place.



Buy flameless candles. They come in all sizes, colors and scents. They also eliminate the high fire risks created by traditional candles.



Make sure you know and practice a fire escape plan inclusive of your access needs.



Talk with your roommates/floormates and determine a safe and accessible place to meet outside in case of a fire.



Identify accessible exits/hallways/paths of travel. In case of a fire, you'll need to navigate the quickest most effective routes to safety.



Clean the dryer lint trap before and after each use. Request assistance from a friend or building staff member if lint traps are difficult for you to access/clean. Help keep dryers safe.



Leave as quickly as you can when the fire/smoke alarm sounds. Leave everything not critically necessary for your mobility or overall wellbeing and GO. Remember, spending time retrieving items increases your chances of being trapped. Time is of the utmost importance in any emergency event.



Individuals with disabilities have extensive lived experiences and learned expertise. Talk and share safety suggestions amongst others with and without similar disabilities.

Together, we can keep each other safe from fire related hazards.

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