Don’t Become a Statistic

Firefighters respond to an average of 3,810 fires in college residence halls and Greek housing each year. Since 2000, campus fires have resulted in 132 fatalities and millions of dollars in property damage. According to FEMA, the vast majority of these fires could have been prevented through awareness and education.

Know what to do if there’s a fire...
1. Pull the fire alarm, if possible.
2. Call 911 and Campus Safety & Security to report the situation.
3. Remain low if encountering smoke.
4. Evacuate the building using your closest exit and close all doors behind you.
5. DO NOT use elevators during evacuation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why do we have residential fire & life safety checks?
A: Residential halls and apartments are a communal setting, and thus need to have rules in place to ensure that everyone is safe and comfortable. The University has identified items and behaviors that are dangerous to the community, and the checks allow staff members to identify violations, and work with students to address them.

Q: Who performs the checks?
A: All checks are performed by Residence Life, Campus Safety & Security and/or Environmental Health & Safety staff.

Q: When do these checks happen?
A: Checks will occur on a monthly basis. The New York State Office of Fire Prevention & Control also will inspect residential spaces once a year.

Q: What happens if a violation is found?
A: If a violation is found, you may be subject to fines, and the item in violation may be confiscated. Repeat and serious violations are also subject to a Dean of Student Inquiry.

Q: My violation has been there since the previous check and no one has said anything. Why am I being fined now?
A: Sometimes violations are missed during checks. It is unfortunate, but it does happen, and it does not exempt you from being fined when the violation is discovered.

Don’t Forget!

Hands-on fire extinguisher training is mandatory for individuals living in a University apartment.

APARTMENT FIRE & LIFE SAFETY GUIDE

Tips for a Successful Year Living in Campus Housing

This guide serves as an important reference for all students living in campus housing. The enclosed guidelines and policies are designed to reduce the risk of fire and to help ensure you are maintaining a safe and compliant living environment. Please review the contents and take time to ensure that your personal belongings, room furnishings and room set-up follow the guidelines outlined in this brochure.