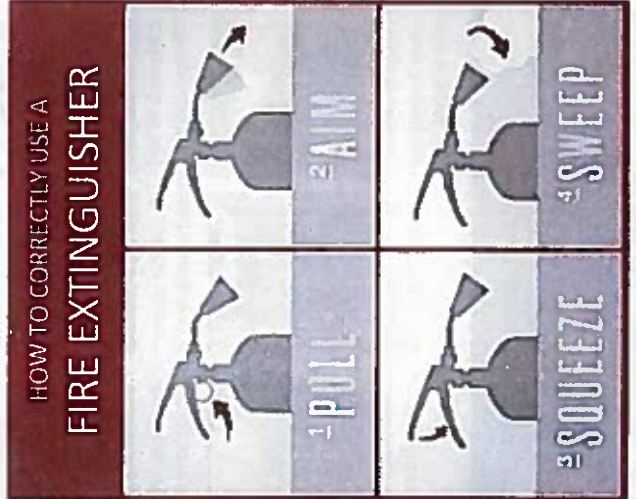


## Don't Become a Statistic

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.

### More Questions?

Ask your RA, RD or  
EHRS Department (315-268-2362).



## RESIDENCE HALL 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.*



# Can I have this in my room?

## Electrical Equipment



NO  
Extension  
cords



Multi-plug  
unless  
protected



Surge protected  
powerstrip with  
a reset



No "Daisy-chaining":  
Do not plug a powerstrip into  
another powerstrip. Instead,  
purchase one with a longer cord.



Bulbs exceeding  
max listed wattage



Lamps w/ no shade:  
Bulbs extending  
beyond shade



Cords creating  
tripping hazards

## Room Decorating



Candles & incense  
(even if not burned)



String lights in contact  
w/ combustibles & over  
doorways



Window coverings  
not meeting  
NFPA standards



Curtains, tapestries or other materials  
hanging from ceiling or sprinkler pipe



Excessive door/  
wall decorations

**20% Rule:** No more than 20% of a wall or door area may be covered in combustible materials such as posters and decorations.

## Consequences for Non-compliance

### \$50 Fine & Unauthorized Items Confiscated

- Unburned candle or incense
- Obstructed egress
- Door unable to fully open - 90 degrees
- Extension cord or multi plug in use
- Combustibles too close to heat source
- Storage in hallway, stairway or landing
- Sprinkler system pipe - item attached to pipe
- Unsanitary conditions - excessive trash
- Lamps with excessive wattage for fixture

### \$100 Fine & Unauthorized Items Confiscated

- Burned candle or incense
- Dirty stove or oven
- Tampering with a fire door, fire extinguisher or emergency lighting
- Unauthorized cooking or appliances
- Failure to vacate during alarm activation

### \$250 Fine, Assignment & Dean Referral

- Tampering w/ CO, fire or smoke detector
- Smoking or vaping inside a building
- Presence of explosives/incendiary device
- Intentional fire alarm activation
- Failure to report a fire

## Prohibited Items

These items cannot be stored or used  
in any residence hall space:

- Fuel storage indoors
- Hoverboards
- Flammable liquids (i.e. gas, lighter fluid)
- Fire arms
- Space heaters
- Air conditioners
- Smoking (including vaping) within 30 ft from building

## Approved Items

Feel free to bring and use these items  
in your residence hall space:

- TV
- DVD player
- Freestanding fan
- Game system
- Computer
- Small stereo
- Non-halogen lamp
- Iron with auto shut-off
- Candle warmers or wax melter

## Appliances Allowed in Dorm



Toasters &  
toaster ovens



Crockpots



Grills  
(must be at least 10  
feet from building)



Microwave



Refrigerator  
(under 5 cu ft)



Coffee maker  
(with auto shut-off)

Microwaves and refrigerators must be plugged directly into wall electrical outlet.

## Storage



Items stored in  
hallway/stairwell



Excessive trash/  
combustible waste



Blocking/covering  
emergency equip



Storage too close -  
ceiling & sprinkler  
(must maintain 24")



Obstructed egress  
from room/exit



Items stored  
behind door

NOTICE: This document is not a comprehensive listing of all health and safety violations, prohibited items and consequences for non-compliance. Please refer to our website (<https://intranet.clarkson.edu/administrative/dehs>) or ask your RA if unsure about a policy or item.