

THINGS TO KNOW

Electrical Safety

- 🔥 **Do not overload extension cords, power strips or outlets:** They can overheat.
- 🔥 **Get a power strip with an over-current protector:** A power strip with an over-current protector shuts off power automatically if there is too much current being drawn.
- 🔥 **Do not connect multiple extension cords or power strips together:** The more plugs and receptacles you have connecting a single current, or a single appliance, to a single wall outlet, the more chance you have for arcing, sparking and overheating.
- 🔥 **Do not route cords under doors or carpets:** Extension cords can short circuit, overheat and ignite if they are buried under carpet or clothing, if they have furniture resting on and pinching them, or if they become bunched up behind hot appliances or equipment.
- 🔥 **Do not staple extension cords:** This damages insulation meant to protect you from current and potentially exposing a wire that increases the possibility of sparking. It's like poking a hole in a straw while drinking a soda; no matter what you do you're going to get leakage, and, in a crowded room, you never want a spark to get near any combustibles.
- 🔥 **Never cut off grounding pin:** Never bend, file or cut a grounding pin from a three-pronged cord to plug an appliance into a wall outlet. This disarms the protection meant to keep you safe and presents a tremendous shock hazard.



Drinking and Fires

- 🔥 According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services study, "Alcohol and Health," about one-half of adults who die in house fires have high blood alcohol levels. The study also reported that alcoholic burn victims had a mortality rate three times that of nonalcoholic victims.
- 🔥 Drinking increases the chance of someone falling asleep while smoking in bed. It also greatly reduces your ability to detect a fire, respond to a fire or fire alarm, and safely escape a fire.



Cooking

- 🔥 Never use a brown paper bag to cook popcorn in a microwave: Any bag not designed and approved for microwave oven use could catch fire
- 🔥 Never leave a microwave oven unattended when in use
- 🔥 If a fire breaks out in a microwave oven, keep the door closed and unplug the unit. Don't try to remove burning containers from a microwave
- 🔥 Cook only where the rules allow
- 🔥 Keep the cooking area clean and uncluttered
- 🔥 Unplug any electric appliances (including hairdryers and curling irons) when not in use



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FIRE SAFETY



Department of
Public Safety

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On Campus x3939

Lancaster City Fire Inspection office
291-4869

www.campusfire.org

www.usfa.fema.gov

Emergency 911

GETTING OUT

If you get caught in a fire situation, survival is your top priority. You should:

FEEL THE DOOR HANDLE

- 🔥 If the door handle is hot, don't open it
- 🔥 Go to a window and call for help
- 🔥 If the handle is not hot, open cautiously
- 🔥 Check for smoke or fire before going out

GET OUT OF THE BUILDING BEFORE PHONING FOR HELP

- 🔥 Don't take time to phone before leaving
- 🔥 Get out and find a phone
- 🔥 Call 717-291-3939

CLOSE THE DOOR BEHIND YOU

- 🔥 You may help keep the fire from spreading
- 🔥 You may protect your possessions from fire and smoke damage

PULL THE FIRE ALARM ON YOUR WAY OUT

DON'T LOOK FOR OTHER PEOPLE OR GATHER UP YOUR STUFF

- 🔥 Knock on doors as you leave
- 🔥 Yell "FIRE" as you leave
- 🔥 Don't hesitate or stray from your path as you leave

CRAWL LOW TO THE FLOOR

- 🔥 Thick smoke can make it impossible to see
- 🔥 Toxic chemicals from smoke can be deadly in minutes

PROHIBITED ACTIONS

The following actions are prohibited anywhere in the residence halls:

- 🔥 Attempting to extinguish a fire without prior training. Contact the Dept. Of Public Safety for Fire Extinguisher Training
- 🔥 Engaging in Physical activities, such as hockey, Frisbee and basketball, any ball throwing/bouncing/kicking
- 🔥 Throwing or spraying water, shaving cream and/or other liquids
- 🔥 Spraying paint or water
- 🔥 Cooking in rooms
- 🔥 Tampering with a fire extinguisher
- 🔥 Tampering or damaging sprinkler control valves
- 🔥 Breaking a sprinkler head
- 🔥 Removing smoke detectors or covers and batteries
- 🔥 Tampering or damaging fire exit lights/pull stations, notification devices, or obstructing/locking exit doors
- 🔥 Attaching or hanging on or from a sprinkler head or water pipe
- 🔥 Blocking exits with furniture or other items
- 🔥 Hanging posters, banners or other items across the ceiling
- 🔥 Propping doors open with an object preventing the door from closing
- 🔥 Smoking in residence halls
- 🔥 Failing to maintain a 36-inch path of egress out of room/suite
- 🔥 Hanging wall decorations/posters exceeding 20% of the wall area
- 🔥 Storing furniture in hallways or common areas

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are prohibited in all residence halls:

- 🔥 Candles/ Incense
- 🔥 Halogen lamps
- 🔥 Broilers/Skillets/Woks
- 🔥 Toaster ovens/Toasters/Hot-plates
- 🔥 Holiday lights
- 🔥 Fireworks/Explosives
- 🔥 Other electrical appliances
- 🔥 All flammable/combustibles
- 🔥 Live Christmas trees/wreaths

We reserve the right to confiscate any prohibited item found in your room. They will be labeled and put in the Department of Public Safety's storage room until the end of the semester. At this time you may claim your belongings.

Fire Safety Inspections

- 🔥 Announced and Unannounced health and safety inspections are conducted periodically and randomly throughout the year to include fraternities.
- 🔥 Any curtains and furniture items brought in by a resident, must be certified by the manufacturer as flame-retardant; otherwise, the item is prohibited. (California Tech. bulletin 133 is the accepted standard.)

Tampering with smoke alarms, pulling false alarms or misusing fire protection equipment is a criminal offense. Any violators will be prosecuted by the Fire Department. These are dangerous pranks and should be reported immediately to Public Safety at 717-291-3939.