

Fire Safety Tips and Information

Did You Know...?

- Every 55 seconds there is a home fire (more than 1,500 each day).
- Most deaths associated with fires are caused by smoke inhalation, not fire.
- 12,000 Americans die every year due to fire and smoke.
- Most fire fatalities occur at night.



Don' Be a Statistic

- Don't smoke in bed or near combustible materials. Make sure the cigarette butts are completely extinguished before you dispose of them.
- Don't overload electrical outlets. Electric adapters to obtain more outlets can overload the circuit and cause a fire. If extra outlets are needed, use surge suppressors or power strips. Extension cords are for temporary use only.



- Open flames are not permitted in the residence halls or office areas.
- Cook in approved kitchens. Clean up grease and appliances when done.
- Unplug appliances after being used. Don't store away until they are cool.

- Storage of bicycles, chairs, desks, and other items is prohibited in exit ways.
- Flammable liquids such as gasoline, ether, and paint are not allowed to be stored in residential buildings. If stored in shops, labs, or other areas, they must be in a storage cabinet designed for flammable liquids.
- Plan ahead for fire emergencies by knowing where the safe areas are in the university buildings. The safe area university buildings are in the stairwells.
- You are especially vulnerable to smoke asphyxiation if you use alcohol or drugs.

Pre-Planning

- Know the location of stairwells and exits.
- Plan at least two primary and one alternate escape routes.
- Count doorways and other features between your room and exits to help you exit in an emergency.
- Practice escape routes. Count doorways and other features every time you practice.
- Make sure fire exits are not locked or blocked.
- Know where fire extinguishers and fire alarms are.
- Put your room key and a flashlight close to where you sleep. Make sure you can easily find them in the dark.
- Things you should have with you in case of a fire include: 1) Flashlight, 2) Fire Extinguisher, 3) Bath size towel.

If There's a Fire...



- Don't panic.
- Call the Campus Police at ext. 2600
- Pull a pull station to sound the fire alarm.
- Yell fire and bang on the walls on your way out to alert other occupants.
- Immediately leave the building and do not re-enter until told by officials.

Surviving the Fire

- Crawl if there is smoke. Cleaner and cooler air is near the floor.
- Feel doors before opening. If the door feels hot, do NOT open it. If it is cool, slowly crack the door to see if there is smoke or fire.
- Go to the nearest exit. Never use an elevator.
- Close the door as you leave to help confine the fire.
- Only use a fire extinguisher if the fire is small and you know how to use it safely. Make sure the Fire Department is notified - even if you think the fire is out.

If You Get Trapped

- Keep the doors closed. Fill in the cracks with a towel to help keep smoke from entering the room.
- Open a window to allow for ventilation if needed.
- Keep a damp towel over your mouth to avoid smoke inhalation.
- Signal for help by waving an object out of the window to alert the fire department that you are trapped.

If you are on fire...



- Stop...Drop...and Roll. This will smother the fire on your clothing. Use cool tap water on burns immediately.
- Report damaged fire equipment to the Department of Safety and Risk Management at ext. 3607. Fire doors, exit signs, fire alarms (pull stations, horns & strobes), smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers.

- Report fire related crimes to the Campus Police promptly. Vandalism of fire related equipment robs you of your fire protection. Tampering with fire related equipment is a criminal offense resulting in prosecution.
- Anonymous callers can call the UT Crime Busters Hotline at 530-7777. When leaving a message, please leave the date and time that you called. This will be your code number as well.

Emergency Phone Numbers

	On Campus	Off Campus
Fire	2600 (or 911**)	911
Police	2600 (or 911**)	911
Medical Emergency	2600 (or 911**)	911
Medical Center	3451	419-530-3451
Safety and Risk Management	3600	419-530-3600

If you are on campus it is preferred that you call the Campus police at Ext. 2600. The dispatched will instantaneously alert the proper local authorities over the computer enhanced network and send Campus Police to the area while the Fire Department is enroute.