

# FIRE SAFETY

## C H E C K L I S T

### SMOKE ALARMS & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

- Smoke alarms installed in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area, and on each level
- Interconnected smoke alarms; when one sounds, they all sound
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed every 6 months
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old
- Carbon monoxide detectors located on each level of the home
- Carbon monoxide detectors are less than 7 years old
- Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are tested and cleaned monthly

### HOME ESCAPE PLAN

- List of emergency numbers readily available (fire and police department)
- Two ways out of every room in the home
- All windows and doors open easily
- Escape routes are clear of clutter
- Established outside meeting place in front of the home in the event that the smoke alarm sounds
- Know to crawl low to the floor when escaping from fire
- Everyone participates in home fire drills at least twice a year
- Review home escape plan with overnight guests

### ELECTRICAL & APPLIANCE SAFETY

- One heat-producing appliance (coffeemaker, toaster, space heater, etc.) plugged into an outlet at one time
- Porches and decks clear of upholstered furniture, barbecue grills, fire pits, and chimeneas
- Electrical cords do not run under rugs
- Electrical cords are in good condition (not frayed or cracked)
- Clothes dryer lint filter and venting system are clean
- National testing laboratory approved heaters with tip-over shut-off function
- All wires and cords are checked for damage and all unused electrical outlets are covered
- Electrical outlets, extension cords, and power strips are not overloaded
- Extension cords are never used with space heaters
- Chimney and furnace are cleaned and inspected yearly
- Furniture and other items that can catch fire are at least 3 feet from fireplaces, wall heaters, baseboards, and space heaters

### TURN OVER FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Office of Commuter Student Services & Off Campus Living  
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## COOKING SAFETY

- Cooking area is free from items that can catch fire
- Kitchen stove hood is clean and vented to the outside
- Pots are not left unattended on the stove
- Pot handles are turned inward so they can't be bumped off or overturned
- Fire extinguisher is kept within reach

## CANDLE SAFETY

- Candles are in sturdy fire proof containers that will not be tipped over
- Candles are blown out before leaving the room or before going to bed
- Pets are never left alone with lit candles

## SMOKING SAFETY

- Smokers smoke outside and use sturdy, deep, non-tip ashtrays
- Ashtrays are emptied into a container that will not burn

## ADDITIONAL NOTES



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