

Campus Fire Safety at Dartmouth College



Fire Safety Information for Students

Understanding the basics of fire safety will help to make your college experience the best it can be. This bulletin outlines fire safety practices for students living both on and off-campus. Prevention is our goal and best defense.



In Case of Fire.....

Practice **C.A.R.E.**

Contain - Closing doors as you leave

Activate - A pull station

Report - By calling **911**

Evacuate - Leave immediately

Take Fire Alarms Seriously

It's vital to always evacuate when the fire alarm sounds. Whether you believe the alarm to be false or not, always treat it as a real fire event - leave the building and close the door to your room on your way out. The power and speed of fire is often underestimated. Do not wait until you see smoke or flames.

A fire will double in size every two minutes!!

Never try and return to your room to save belongings - they can be replaced.

FIRE SAFETY 101



Evacuation Reminders

- ✓ Never 'investigate' the source of a potential fire by opening doors or lingering.
- ✓ If you hear an alarm, leave immediately. Close doors behind you as you go.
- ✓ Do not disable, cover or remove batteries from smoke detectors.
- ✓ If you have a disability, make sure you are included in the escape planning for your building.
- ✓ Move well away from the building to allow access for emergency responders.
- ✓ Don't hang anything from fire sprinkler pipes or heads. Keep 18 inches of clearance around sprinkler heads.
- ✓ Identify at least two escape routes from your building. The shortest distance out will be your first choice.
- ✓ Practice your escape routes.
- ✓ Learn the location of all building exits. You may have to find your way out in the dark.
- ✓ Do not re-enter the building for any reason. (Emergency personnel will let you know when it is safe to re-enter)
- ✓ Walk - do not run to the exits.

Electrical

- ✓ Use only approved electrical appliances in your room.
See the ORL website (<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~orl/life-in-res/policies-terms/room-policies.html>)
- ✓ Do not use appliances with damaged power cords.
- ✓ Use a surge protector for your computer and plug the protector directly into an outlet.
- ✓ Do not overload electrical outlets. Do not chain power strips together.

Smoking

- ☑ Smoking is prohibited in all College owned undergraduate residential buildings.
- ☑ If you must smoke, do it outside and away from the building so that it does not bother residents. Dispose of all smoking materials properly.

Cooking

- ☑ Cooking is only permitted in the building or cluster kitchen.
- ☑ If you use a kitchen, keep it clean and uncluttered.
- ☑ Never leave cooking unattended.
- ☑ If a fire starts in a microwave oven, keep the door closed and unplug the unit.
- ☑ Gas and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors.
- ☑ Cook only when fully alert, not when tired or drowsy from medicine or alcohol.

Candles

- ☑ Don't burn candles. Open flames are not allowed.

Exits

- ☑ Never block exits or fire extinguishers.
- ☑ Only use a fire extinguisher if you have had training.



Escape Tips

- * If you have to escape through smoke, stay low and crawl under the smoke to your exit.
- * Before opening a door, feel the door. If it's hot, use your second escape route.
- * Use the stairs; never use an elevator during a fire.
- * If you're trapped, **call 911** and tell them where you are. Seal your door with rags and signal for help from your window.
- * If you have a disability, alert others of the type of assistance you need to leave the building.



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