

Hunter College Department of Public Safety

Fire Safety

According to FEMA

- In cases where fatalities occurred on college campuses, alcohol was a factor.
- In 50 % of dorm fire fatalities, victims were under the influence at the time of the fire.
- Cooking is the leading cause of fire injuries on college campuses.

Fire Safety is everyone's
responsibility!

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DORMITORY:

CANDLES

SMOKING

OVERLOADING OUTLETS

***LEAVING THINGS COOKING ON STOVE
- UNATTENDED***

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COOKING AND LEAVING IT UNATTENDED!



Fire Safety Awareness – The Dorms

- Your Dormitory.....
- Is equipped with a state of the art fire alarm system that also incorporates a public address system.
- Fire systems are monitored 24/7.
- Smoke detectors are located throughout the campus and each dorm room has one.
- They are inspected by a professional fire safety equipment company twice a year.

Fire Safety Awareness – The Dorms

- Fire extinguishers are located throughout the campus.
- Most parts of the dorm areas also have a "sprinkler" system.
- Fire Drills, with full evacuations, are conducted each semester.
- Each floor has assigned "Fire Wardens", trained volunteers that assist public safety in time of fire emergencies.

Fire Safety Awareness - Notifications

- Proper and timely notification of a fire or smoke condition.
- HOW????????
- While "In House" – 24 hours a day
- Dial **1-4444** from any "in house" telephone
- Dial **"911"** from any cell phone to reach NYFD
- Fire alarm **PULL STATIONS** located throughout the building, primarily near exits.
- Use the **"Talk-a-phones"** located throughout the building.

Fire Safety Awareness

- Don't be complacent! **SOUND THE ALARM!**
- Activated fire alarm, **DON'T** ignore it!
- Listen for public address announcements and directions. **DO NOT USE ELEVATORS**, unless instructed to do so.
- Public Safety personnel will use the public address system to let you know if there is an actual fire or smoke condition.
- Listen carefully to their directions, DPS fire safety officers will tell you what floors are affected, order an evacuation if necessary, and inform you of which stairway to use to exit.

Fire Safety Awareness

- If the fire alarms sounds, proceed to your door and check it for heat with the back of your hand.
- If the door is HOT, don't open it.
- If there is heavy smoke in the hallway, stay in the room and pack towells and blankets under the door to keep smoke out of your room.
- Call 1-4444 and notify DPS that you can't evacuate your room.

Fire Safety Awareness

- On your particular floor follow the directions of your "Fire Safety Warden" and/or "RA".
- Look out for your neighbor, if you don't see them during an evacuation and you know they are on campus, bang on the door, or let the RA or Public safety know.

Fire Safety Awareness

- Know where your exit stairways are so you know that you can find your way out even in the dark!
- Establish a "buddy" system with a neighbor.
- Set up an outside meeting place for your dorm floor where everyone can meet after evacuating the building.

Fire Safety Awareness

- **FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S CONCERN,**

- **BE SAFE**

- **THINK SMART**