

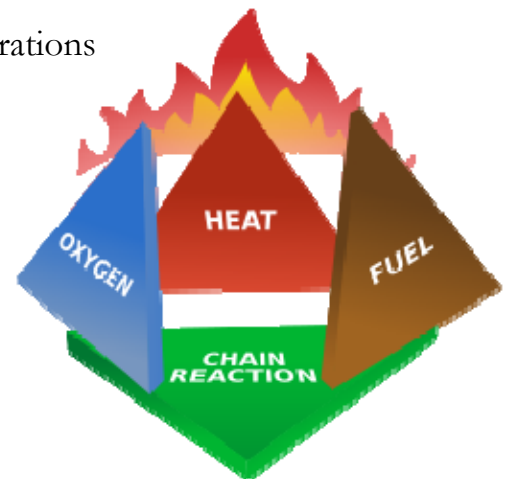


Dormitory Fires

- Each year across America, college and university students experience a growing number of fire related emergencies.
- The leading cause of dormitory fires is arson, and accounts for over one-third of dormitory fires.
- Cooking is the second leading cause of dorm fires, and accounts for 20 percent of dormitory fires.
- Having a working smoke alarm more than doubles one's chances of surviving a fire.

For a fire to occur, three elements must be present: fuel, air and an ignition source.

- Potential fuel source in student housing
- Upholstered furniture, mattresses and bedding
- Draperies, curtains and other free hanging decorations
- Combustible wall, ceiling and floor finishes
- Books, paper, notebooks and reports
- Trash and recycling materials
- Clothing



Potential ignition sources in student housing

- Smoking materials
- Candle and incense
- Cooking equipment and appliances
- Electric lamps and appliances
- Building utilities
- Arson or other incendiary devices



All STUDENTS must be familiar with:

- **Halogen Lamps are prohibited.** The University has prohibited the use of all halogen floor lamps in all House, dormitory rooms and common area.
- **Cooking Equipment is prohibited.** The City of Cambridge forbid cooking in any room or apartment not equipped with permanent cooking facilities.
- **The use of candles is prohibited in House and dormitory rooms and common areas.*** Except in the case of those individual observing religious holiday. They may light candles as long as they are in House common area, only with the approval of the Masters, and only as long as they are always attended.
- Extension cords must be in good condition and of proper rating. Cord should not be spliced, run through doorways or partitions or cover with rugs.
- **Emergency exit door within rooms/suites shall not be blocked on either side by furniture or obstruction of any kind.**
- Any abuse of, or tamper with, fire alarm. Smoke detectors, or extinguisher system is strictly forbidden.
- **Students must evacuate during all fire alarms. DELAYED evacuation could result in becoming trapped or seriously injured.**
- Fire hazards should be routinely reported to Building Manager.
- Knowledgeable of the locations of fire pull stations, primary and secondary emergency exits, meeting locations outside
- Importance of keeping fire doors closed. Unless protected by open devices that allow the door to close if the alarm goes off.
- **Not to use evaluators in a fire emergency.**
- Prohibit the use of fireplaces in student rooms and suits;
- **Emergency contact information. HUPD (617) 495-1212, Harvard University Operations Center (617) 495-5560**

