



Student Information

Fire prevention - Fire safety. Subjects you've been hearing about since the first grade. Subjects you may think of as boring until you visualize yourself trapped in a fire, unable to escape. Death by fire is horrible, tragic. The injuries, too, can be awful, painful and disfiguring, their effects lifelong.

Your Room or Suite

One way to keep a fire from spreading is to reduce the materials it feeds on. Therefore, we ask you to limit the number of flammable items you use in decorating and to keep your room neat and clean. Curtains, drapes and other cloth hangings should be kept to a minimum and made of fire retardant fabrics.

Your room has a limited electrical capacity. Please do not overload the circuits. Refrigerators, stereo systems and other approved appliances should be plugged into wall outlets, never connected to light sockets.

Items that are Prohibited

1. The use of candles is prohibited in House and dormitory rooms and common areas, except in the case of those individuals observing religious holidays. They may light candles as long as they are in House common areas, only with the approval of the Masters, and only as long as they are always attended.
2. The City of Cambridge's ordinances and regulations forbid cooking in any room or apartment not equipped with permanent cooking facilities. Cooking equipment is prohibited.
3. The Dean of Harvard College has prohibited the use of fireplaces in student rooms and suites. Signs are posted at fireplaces in student rooms prohibiting use. The safe use of fireplaces in dining halls and public common rooms is allowed in specific locations. Please check with your Building Manager to verify where fireplaces can be used.
4. The use of Halogen Floor Lamps is prohibited. There have been series fires in dormitories due to halogen floor lamps. These lamps reach very high temperatures and start fires if they come in contact with curtains, clothes, paper and other flammables.
5. Smoking is prohibited in all areas of Houses and dormitories, including but not restricted to all common areas, offices, tutor residents, and student bedrooms and common rooms.