



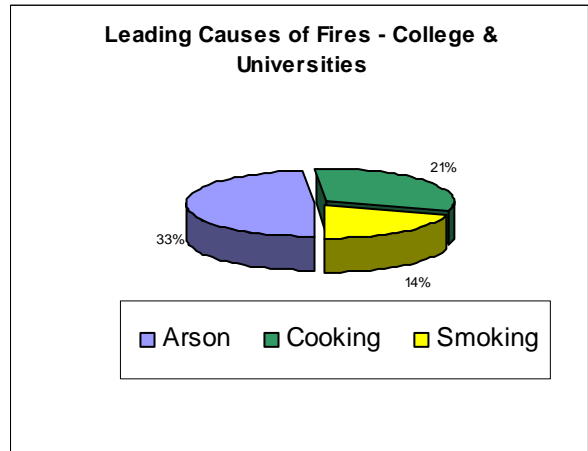
Monthly Spotlight

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Residential/Dormitory Fire Safety

Each year in the United States, there are an estimated 1,300 fires in high school, private and prep school, and university dormitories. In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for thick black smoke to fill a building. In minutes a room can be engulfed in flames.

At colleges and universities, most fires occur between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM.



Every student must be familiar with basic emergency procedures and know two ways out of your building. If the fire alarm sounds – immediately prepare to evacuate your room if safe to do so. **Treat every alarm as a possible fire** – never delay evacuation; it could result in you being coming trapped or seriously injured.

All STUDENTS should know:

- **Halogen Lamps are prohibited.**
- **Cooking Equipment is prohibited.** The City of Cambridge prohibits 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.
- **The use of fireplaces** in student rooms and suites is prohibited.
- **Extension cords** must be in good condition and of proper rating. Cord should not be spliced, run through doorways, partitions or covered with rugs.
- **Emergency exit doors** within rooms/suites shall not be blocked on either side by furniture or obstruction of any kind.
- **Any abuse** of, or tampering with, fire alarms, smoke detectors or extinguisher system is strictly forbidden.
- **Do not use elevators in a fire emergency.**

[Harvard Fire Safety Information](#), [Emergency Procedures](#), [Dormitory Fact Sheet](#)



College fire survival safety information provided by the People's Burn Foundation

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