



# LET'S TALK FIRE SAFETY

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## College Campus Fire Safety

### Campus Fire Facts:

Fires in student housing cause an average of one (1) death, 32 injuries, and \$15 million in property damage each year.

Three (3) out of four (4) of these fires began in a kitchen or cooking area.

September and October are the peak months for fires in dormitory properties.

The likelihood of a fire is much greater on weekends and on weekdays from 5–9 pm.

Cooking equipment was involved in nearly six (6) out of every seven (7) reported fires in dormitory-type properties.

From 2000 - present, 92 fatal fires have been documented that occurred on a college campus, in Greek housing or in off-campus housing within 3-miles of the campus – claiming a total of 132 victims.

Of the 92 fires documented:

- 14 were intentionally set claiming 22 victims
  - 38 were accidental – includes cooking, candles, smoking or electrical. These fires claimed 51 victims
  - 40 of the fires had undetermined causes – or the cause was not available at press time. These fires claimed 59 victims.
- make sure your bedroom has a working smoke alarm, or your dormitory suite has a working smoke alarm in each living area.
  - Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.
  - Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.
  - Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing.
  - Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
  - Cook only when you are alert, not sleepy or drowsy from medicine or alcohol.
  - Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.
  - Check with your local fire department for any restrictions before using a barbeque grill or fire pit.



### Safety Tips

- Look for fully sprinklered housing when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.
- Make sure you can hear the building alarm system when you are in your dorm room.
- If you live in a dormitory,

### National Fire Protection Association

<https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/CampusSafetyTips.ashx>

### Solve the Fire Wuzzles

WUZZLES are word puzzles consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, sayings, etc.

For example, the solution to NOON GOOD is "Good afternoon" and LINE READ LINE is "Read between the lines."

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Answers to last month's wuzzles are mixed tape and put your feet up.

### Fire Safety Quiz

1. College students do not need to be educated on how to prevent fires because they know more than grade school students.
  - A. True
  - B. False
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is campus fire safety month.
  - A. September
  - B. January
  - C. October
  - D. December

Answers to last month's quiz are 1. A. & 2. D.

### A mistake you see but do nothing to fix becomes your mistake too.—promotesafety.com.au

If you smoke, smoke outside and only where it is permitted, Use sturdy, deep, non-tip ashtrays. Don't smoke in bed or when you've been drinking or are drowsy

Burn candles only if the school permits their use. A candle is an open flame and should be placed away from anything that can burn. Never leave a candle unattended. Blow it out when you leave the room or go to sleep.

Have a fire safety question you would like for the Fire Department to answer? Please contact Ms. Tangela Rowe at 229-333-1835 or you can send an email to: [valdostafire@valdostacity.com](mailto:valdostafire@valdostacity.com)



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