In the Event of a Fire

- Develop and PRACTICE an evacuation plan
- Don’t panic, keep calm
- Evacuate the building by way of the nearest exit.
- Close all doors as you leave
- Before exiting check door for heat by pressing back of hand to door
- In the event you are unable to exit
  o Remain calm
  o Remain low
  o Place a cloth over mouth if necessary
  o Get in room with window, close door and place cloth underneath to block smoke
  o Signal for help via phone or window (e.g. sign, cloth)
- After exiting proceed safe distance from building (+20 feet) w/o blocking access
- Call 911 and give information
- DO NOT REENTER

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FIRE SAFETY

University of Virginia
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Includes:
- General Fire Safety Tips
- Kitchen Safety
- In the Event of a Fire
- Off-Campus Resources

Keeping the University Population Safe

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General Fire Safety Tips

- Outlets should never be overloaded with plugs
- Do not use extension cords for permanent appliances, always use fused power strips
- Never cover light bulbs with paper or cloth
- Do not hang cloth on the wall or ceiling
- Be careful with candles and other open flames
- Do not run electrical wires under carpet
- Do not place furniture in the way of an exit
- Make sure you have an installed smoke detector
- Test Smoke detector weekly
- Plan and practice escape routes
- Give space heaters at least 3 feet of space and never leave on when not at home

Kitchen Safety Tips

- Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles
- Keep pot handles turned inward so they won’t get knocked over
- If grease catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan to smother, then turn off burner. DO NOT THROW WATER ON A GREASE FIRE
- Never leave food cooking unattended
- Always keep a charged fire extinguisher in the kitchen, keep it by the exit not next to the stove

Off Campus Resources

- UVA Fire Safety offers free Off-Grounds inspections to make recommendations. To sign up call 434.982.4914 or email fire-safety@virginia.edu
- If property maintenance issues with your landlord please contact Neighborhood Development Services at 434.970.3182
- Charlottesville does do Property Maintenance Inspections so be sure to keep your property clean, trash can result in a fine
- For help with Off-Grounds Housing contact the Off-Grounds Housing Office at UVA at 434.243.8924

For any additional health and safety questions including Chemical Safety, Biosafety, Asbestos, and Air Quality please contact the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at 434.982.4911