

## 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
  - Remain calm
  - Remain low
  - Place a cloth over mouth if necessary
  - Get in room with window, close door and place cloth underneath to block smoke
  - 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

Includes:

- General Fire Safety Tips
- Kitchen Safety



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- Off-Campus Resources

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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



Always keep an extinguisher in your kitchen

## 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](mailto: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*