

# Fire Prevention Tips

Follow these tips at all times to help ensure the campus, and your home remain safe from fires.

## Housekeeping

- Ensure clutter does not block or obstruct egress routes, and does not cause trip hazards.
- Clean clothes dryer vent screens to remove lint before and after each use.

## Cooking / Kitchen Safety

- Use common sense in the kitchen.
- Limit distractions when cooking and don't leave a hot oven or stovetop unattended.
- Ensure a stovetop drip pan is in place under each burner and that each pan is free of grease, food, etc.
- Keep anything that can catch fire, such as dish towels or wooden spoons, away from your stovetop.
- Prevent fires by keeping your oven and stove top clean of grease and dust.
- Remain in the kitchen while cooking – never leave food on the stove unattended.

## Smoking & Candles

- Purchase College is a “smoke free campus” meaning that smoking of any kind is prohibited, either indoors or out.
- The possession or use of candles and incense is also prohibited.

## Electrical Equipment

- Electrical appliances and equipment are standard items and their condition is often taken for granted. Wires and cords are potential fire hazards if they are damaged or handled improperly. Plan to regularly inspect electrical appliances, computers, and other items to ensure that there aren't any fraying cords or exposed wires.
- Plug items only into appropriate outlets.
- Never use extension cords.
- Only fused power strips are approved for use.
- Never plug multiple power strips together, a dangerous practice known as “daisy-chaining”. Each power strip must be plugged directly into a wall outlet.
- All electrical panels must remain easily accessible / not obstructed.

## Fire Protection Devices

- Never cover smoke or heat detectors.
- Never attempt to disable fire alarm system components.
- Fire sprinkler heads must not be obstructed by decorations or other material.

## Fire Extinguishers

- All fire extinguishers must be securely mounted to the wall.
- Check the gauge to verify the extinguisher is full.

## Egress Routes

- Keep all aisles, walkways, stairways and paths that lead to exits, clear of debris and obstructions.

If assistance involving any of the items above is needed, promptly [submit a Work Request](#).