

# Fire Prevention Tips

Preventing fires is the most effective way to avoid fire-related injuries and deaths as well as property damage. A constant awareness of conditions that can cause fires is key to preventing them. It is always a good time to review fire safety tips and in light of the upcoming New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control fire inspection of the campus, here are some important areas to focus on.

## [Housekeeping](#)

Clutter that compromises egress routes or causes trip hazards.

Clothes dryers and dryer vents not clogged with built up lint.

## [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](#)

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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.

### 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](#).