The Drill on Fire Safety!

What to know to stay safe!

KEEP THIS INFORMATION HANDY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

This information is also found in the Southwestern Student Handbook.

Act Responsibly - Pranks that could cause a fire are prohibited (e.g.-fireworks). Vandalism of fire extinguishers, obstructing, or tampering with fire safety is prohibited.

Candles - Candles, candle burners, and incense are not permitted in the residence halls or apartments.

Lamps & Electric Heaters - Due to their intense heat, halogen lamps and electric heaters are not permitted in residence halls.

Smoking - As a courtesy to our residents, do not smoke in the rooms unless told otherwise by Residence Life.

Appliances - Only popcorn poppers, coffee pots, or hot pots may be used in individual rooms. Hot plates, small ovens, toasters, etc. are not allowed. Kitchenettes are available in most areas for other appliances.

Storage - Storage under stairwells or in corridors is prohibited. All fire extinguishers, alarms, sprinkler heads, utility panels, and utility valves should be clear from storage and easily accessible.

Fire Alarms and Drills

The residence halls are equipped with fire alarm systems and fire safety equipment. Fire safety procedures are discussed in hall meetings at the beginning of each semester. In addition, fire drills will be held to familiarize residents with proper procedures for maximizing person safety. During a drill or fire, the following procedure should be adhered to:

1. IMMEDIATELY WALK to the nearest exit (close bedroom doors, but don’t lock them).
2. Help community members needing assistance in descending stairs exit the building.
3. Move at least 100 feet from the building to designated safe area.
4. Do not return to the building until authorized to do.
5. Wait for instructions from a Residence Life staff member or fire department.