

## **FIRE SAFETY POLICY**

- 1. All surge protectors/power strips must be UL-approved and **equipped with an internal circuit breaker.**
- 2. Any student found using a prohibited extension cord will be immediately assessed a fine of \$100. Second offenses will result in a fine of \$200, followed by termination from Housing for a third offense.
- 3. \*Please note that prohibited extension cords found within the residence halls will be confiscated, and will **NOT** be returned to the student.
- 4. Candles found will not be returned and students will be assessed a fine of \$50
- 5. Due to the recent fire concerns surrounding hoverboards, The Office of Housing & Residential Life has chosen to prohibit the use and possession of hoverboards in the residence halls.
- 6. <u>Tampering with ANY fire safety system</u>, <u>which includes covering or disabling</u> <u>smoke detectors</u>, <u>will result in immediate dismissal from Housing and potential dismissal from the College</u>.
- 7. An unannounced Health and Safety inspections will be conducted once a month to ensure compliance to our fire safety regulations
- 8. In the event of a fire alarm, all students must evacuate to the Emergency Assembly Points as stated in the Guide to Campus Housing. Any student who does not evacuate the dorm during a fire alarm will face adjudication.

BUILDING	EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY POINT (EAP
1st Battalion (A & B)	Under the overhang of Heritage Hall
2nd Battalion (C & D)	Under the overhang of Heritage Hall
3rd Battalion (E & F)	Under the overhang of Heritage Hall
4th Battalion New Hall	Under the overhang of Heritage Hall

Please read below for additional information on safety tips for reducing electrical fires in student housing. And remember that in the event of a fire, "property and valuables can be replaced, but lives cannot."

- Purchase and use only UL-rated electrical appliances and power cords.
- Avoid overloading extension cords, power strips, or outlets.
- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis; they are not intended as permanent solutions.
- Use power strips with an over-current protector that will shut off power automatically if there is too much current being drawn.



- Never tack or nail an electrical cord to any surface or run cords across traffic paths or under rugs where they can be trampled or damaged.
- Use the correct wattage light bulbs for lamps and fixtures. If there is no indication on the product, do not use a bulb with more than 60 watts. Use cooler, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) when possible.
- Keep all electrical appliances and cords safely away from bedding, curtains, papers, and other flammable material.
- Make sure outlets around sinks are equipped with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) before use.
- Unplug small appliances when not in use and all electronics when away for extended periods.
- Older wiring in student housing and apartments may not be able to handle the increased electrical demand of today's college students.
- Ensure heavy current carrying devices (e.g., refrigerators, microwaves) are plugged directly into a wall outlet with no extension cord attached.
- If use of an appliance frequently causes the power to trip off, or if its power cord or the outlet feels hot, the appliance should be disconnected immediately and the condition reported to the landlord or campus housing staff