Every year college and university students experience a growing number of fire-related emergencies. There are several causes for these fires; however most are due to a general lack of knowledge about fire safety and prevention.

All Students should be familiar with the following:

- **Halogen lamps are prohibited.** The University has prohibited the use of all halogen floor lamps in all House, dormitory rooms and common areas.

- **Cooking equipment is prohibited.** The City of Cambridge forbids cooking in any room or apartment not equipped with permanent cooking facilities.

- **The use of candles is prohibited in House and dormitory rooms and common areas.** *except in the case of those individual observing religious holiday.* Students may light candles as long as they are in House common area, only with the approval of the Masters, and only as long as they are *always attended.*

- **Extension cords** must be in good condition and of proper rating. Cord should not be spliced, run through doorways or partitions or cover with rugs.

- **Emergency exit doors** within rooms/suites shall not be blocked on either side by furniture or obstruction of any kind.

- **Any abuse of, or tamper with,** fire alarm, smoke detectors, sprinkler system or extinguishers is strictly forbidden.

- **Students MUST evacuate** during all fire alarms. A DELAYED evacuation could result in you becoming trapped or seriously injured.

- **Fire hazards** should be routinely reported to your Building Manager, Tutor or Proctor.

- **Be knowledgeable** of the locations of fire pull stations, primary and secondary emergency exits, and designated meeting locations outside.

- **Importance of keeping fire doors closed.** Unless protected by hold open devices that allow the door to close if the alarm goes off. Keep Door CLOSED. Fire doors separate you from the fire/smoke.

• **Do NOT use elevators in a fire emergency.**

• **Prohibit the use of fireplaces in student rooms and suits.**

Fire safety links from the **U.S. Fire Administration:**
http://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/college.html

**Cooking Fire Safety**
Cooking related fires are the leading cause of fires at colleges/universities in Massachusetts. **93% of all dormitory fires are cooking related.**

Short links on basic cooking fire safety and what to do if a fire. There are five (5) videos - approximately 2 minutes in duration.

http://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/cooking.html

**The Peoples Burn Foundation**
In 1997, the Foundation was established as a nonprofit organization to assist people affected by fire and burn injuries.

**Vision:** To foster, support and provide programs for people affected by fire devastation and burn injuries in Indiana; and to promote local and national education, training and prevention programs for families, firefighters and college students.

**National Fire Protection Association**
NFPA offers safety tip sheets on a variety of fire and life safety topics. Download, print and share these tip sheets to spread the word about fire safety.

http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/safety-tip-sheets

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

| Harvard University Police Department | (617) 495-1212 |
| Cambridge Police, Fire & Medical     | 911            |
| University Operations Center         | (617) 495-5560 |