**Fire Prevention**

Make your residence at Harvard a safe one by following these common sense fire safety measures. To minimize the risk of fire, the following activities or items are restricted or prohibited in your room or suite:

- **Smoking is prohibited** in all areas of Houses and Dormitories, including but not restricted to all common areas, offices, tutor residences, and student bedrooms and common areas.
- The use of candles and other sources of open flame are strictly forbidden.
- **Cooking equipment is prohibited.** The City of Cambridge forbid cooking in any room or apartment not equipped with permanent cooking facilities.
- Your room has a **limited electrical capacity.** Do not overload the circuits. Refrigerators, stereo systems and other approved appliances should be plugged into wall outlets, never connected to light sockets.
- Extension cords must be in good condition and of proper rating. Use only Underwriters Laboratory or National Electrical Code approved extension cords. **Cords should not run through doorways or partitions or covered with rugs.**
- Refrigerators require ventilation to operate safely. Do not install them in closets or bathrooms. Do not cover them with blankets, tablecloths or other materials.
- **Air conditioners are allowed only with the written recommendation of a physician and the approval of the Student Disability Resources.**
- **Halogen lamps are prohibited.** The University has prohibited the use of all halogen lamps in all House, dormitory rooms and common areas.
- Any electrical appliance declared unsafe, for any reason, must be removed immediately from University housing.
- Fireworks, gasoline, propane and other flammable materials, their containers, motor cycles, mopeds and other fuel powered items are prohibited from Houses, dormitories, apartments and common areas.

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**Emergency Contact Information**

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**General Evacuation Guidelines**

- If the fire alarm is activated - STOP all activities and immediately initiate an evacuation. Do not delay your evacuation.

- Test your door - if it is HOT - seal the door with a wet towel to help keep smoke out. Call 5-1212 or 911 and provide HUPD or the CFD with your exact location.

- Stay low to the floor if smoke enters the room. If possible, signal the fire department from a window.

- Test your door - if it is COLD - if it is safe to do so, take your room keys and close doors behind you as you exit.

- Follow EXIT signs to the nearest fire stairwell. Do not use elevators.

- Go to your designated meeting site. Please wait for further instructions.

- Do NOT re-enter the building until authorized by HUPD or the CFD.

**Fire Safety Equipment**

- Smoke detectors are installed in each dormitory room to provide you with an early warning of a developing fire.

- Do not obstruct smoke detection devices or hang anything on sprinkler heads or sprinkler piping.

- Any abuse of, or tampering with fire alarm smoke detectors, fire extinguishers or components of the fire protection systems is strictly forbidden.

- Keep emergency exit door within rooms/suites clear at all times. Do not block on either side by furniture or obstructions of any kind.

- Keep hallway corridors clear and fire doors closed - fire doors are used to control smoke.

- Falsely pulling any alarm or maliciously causing a smoke detector to initiate a general alarm is a violation of Massachusetts General Laws and may be punishable by a fine of up to $500 or imprisonment.

- Report potential fire hazards to your Building Manager/Superintendent.

**If You Discover a Fire**

- **Relocate** - If safe to do so, relocate people in immediate danger. Be aware of persons who may need assistance.

- **Alarm** - Pull the building fire alarm to alert others.

- **Confine** - Close all doors as you exit your dormitory room/suite.

- **Evacuate** - Evacuate the building. Do not use elevators.

Call 5-5560 from a safe location outside the building to provide information to the University’s Operations Center.

**Report to Your Designated Meeting Site**