



## Residence Hall Fire Safety

### Emergency Evacuation Procedures in the Event of a Fire or Fire Alarm Activation

1. **Remain Calm - It May Save Your Life.**
2. If you see smoke or flames, pull the nearest pull station and evacuate the building.
3. When you hear the fire alarm, wake others in your room.
4. Check the door to see if it is hot.  
If the door is **HOT**, don't open it.
  - Stay in your room, call 863-4111, and stay by the window for help.
  - Seal door with clothing to keep smoke out. Use wet towels, if possible.If the door is **COOL**, open it and check the hallway for smoke.
  - If the hallway is clear, exit the building. Always close doors behind you.
  - If the hallway is full of smoke, stay low to the floor and go to the nearest exit; or
  - Stay in your room, close the door and seal door with clothing or tape to keep smoke out.
  - Go to the window and signal for help. Call Public Safety at 863-4111.
5. When a fire alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building and go to the evacuation location.
6. Never use an elevator during a fire alarm.
7. Once outside, call Public Safety at 863-4111 or find a uniformed official and provide information.

### Fire Prevention in Your Residence Hall

1. Be familiar with at least two ways out of your building. Evacuation charts are posted on the back of all sleeping room doors. Be familiar with locations of pull stations and fire extinguishers.
2. The following are prohibited in Residence Halls: Candles, torchiere halogen lamps, toasters, grills, hot plates, incense, space heaters, explosives, firewood or any open flame. Flammable liquids such as lighter fluid, propane or gasoline are also prohibited.
3. Never leave food unattended while cooking. Most cooking appliances are prohibited in sleeping rooms. Microwave ovens and automatic shut-off coffee makers are allowed.
4. Smoking is prohibited in all Residence Halls. Smoking materials are a major cause of fires.
5. Do not block hallways or stairs with bicycles, boxes, furniture, trash or other items. In the event of an emergency the corridors and stairwells are your lifeline to safety and the outdoors.
6. Don't overload electrical outlets. Use only UL listed, 15- amp power strips with a circuit breaker.
7. Never leave hair dryers or irons on unattended. Never use hair dryers to dry clothes.
8. Posters and wall hangings are prohibited in hallways and stairways. Use the glass-covered bulletin boards provided in each building.
9. Tapestries and canopies cannot be larger than 40 x 40 inches and must be at least 12 inches from an electrical outlet. Tapestries cannot cover sprinkler heads, smoke detectors, or lights.
10. Fire extinguishers are provided for your protection. Malicious use will result in fines.
11. We recommend that each student have a flashlight for power outages or other emergencies.
12. Do not alter, block or damage fire alarm equipment, exit signs, fire extinguishers, sprinklers or any other life safety equipment. It is there to protect all building occupants.

Malicious and accidental alarms may result in fines of up to \$1,000 as well as disciplinary action.

University's Emergency Action Plan [Emergency Action Plan | Public Safety | Brown University](#)

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For Residence Hall Fire Safety Training, Fire Extinguisher Training, or Fire Extinguisher Recharging, call the Fire Safety Office at 863 - 3462 or email [fire\\_safety@brown.edu](mailto:fire_safety@brown.edu)