

FIRE EMERGENCIES



Nationally since 2000, 86 fatal fires, claiming 123 lives, have occurred on college campuses, in Greek housing, or in off-campus housing within three miles of the campus.

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/college.html>

Each year more than 2,500 people die and 12,600 are injured in home fires in the United States, with direct property loss due to home fires estimated at \$7.3 billion annually.

<http://www.ready.gov/home-fires>

Fire Preparation

- Familiarize yourself with your facility.
- Know the location of the nearest fire alarm pull box.
- Know the location of **at least two exits** from your current position.
- Count the doors or work spaces between you and the exit. In a power failure or smoke condition, it may be necessary to evacuate in the dark.
- How high up are you? If you are above the first floor, make sure you have a way to reach the ground safely.



Discovery of a Fire



- **Sound the alarm:** Activate nearest fire alarm pull station.
- Evacuate the building immediately.
- **Call 911** from a safe location. Report the details of the fire.
- Consider extinguishing the fire only if it is small and contained and you have received training on the use of portable fire extinguishers. If not, close doors to contain the fire as you evacuate.
- Report to your designated assembly area.



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Response to a Fire or Fire Alarm

- Do NOT assume the alarm is a false alarm.
- **STOP** what you are doing immediately, remain calm and follow instructions.
- **Evacuate**, using appropriate exits and escape routes.
- Use the stairs; *NEVER* use the elevator when exiting the building.
- Once outside, proceed to your facility's designated assembly area or at least 100 feet away from affected buildings.
- Facility managers should check in with fire/police/campus authorities, and be prepared to assist them; stay in contact with them until the "all clear" is given.
- Do not return to an evacuated building until given the "all clear" by fire/police/campus authorities.
- If you should catch on fire, remember to: **STOP, DROP and ROLL.**



STOP!



DROP!



ROLL!

After a Fire

No one is permitted to return to the building until allowed to do so by Fire Department officials in charge of the scene.

UW-Madison Police Department-Emergency Management Unit offers additional safety information via our website: <http://uwpd.wisc.edu>



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More Information

Ready.gov - home fires

CampusFireSafety.com

[U.S. Fire Administration](http://U.S.FireAdministration.gov) - Fire Safety for Students