

# Fire Safety Checklist:

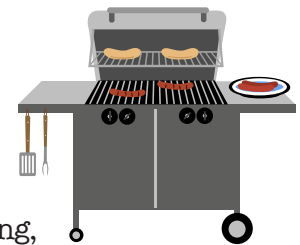
a resource for students who are moving to off-campus housing. Use this checklist to make sure your home away from home is fire-safe.



- The home has smoke alarms installed in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area and on each level.  
**Note:** If your home doesn't have smoke alarms, ask your landlord to install them.
- The smoke alarms are interconnected, so when one sounds, they all sound.
- The home has carbon monoxide alarms.
- Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are tested once a month.
- A list of emergency numbers, local fire and police departments, are posted on the refrigerator.
- For best protection, the home has a fire sprinkler system.
- There are two ways out of every room in the home.
- All windows and doors open easily.
- Escape routes are clear of clutter so they can be used.
- There is an outside meeting place in front of the home where everyone will meet if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Everyone in the home participates in home fire drills at least twice a year.
- I review the home escape plan with overnight guests.
- Smokers smoke outside and use sturdy, deep, non-tip ashtrays.
- One heat-producing appliance (such as a coffeemaker, toaster, space heater, etc.) is plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Porches and decks are clear of upholstered furniture, barbeque grills, fire pits, and chimeneas.

- Candles are placed in sturdy candleholders and are blown out whenever I leave the room, leave the home, or go to bed.
- Candles are kept at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- I will consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell, and feel like real candles.

## Smart Cooks



- When cooking, I stay in the kitchen.
- I don't use the stove or stovetop when I am tired, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medications or drugs that make me drowsy.
- I have asked the local fire department for any restrictions on using a barbeque grill, fire pit, or chimenea.

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