

## Fire Safety tips to remember:

- If you observe a smoke or fire condition in your room; **alert your roommates, get out of the room and close the door** as you leave. This will prevent the fire from spreading to the hallway and other parts of the building.
- **Activate a fire alarm pull station on the way out if the building fire alarm is not already sounding.**
- If you are trapped in a smoky hallway or room, get down on your hands and knees and crawl to safety. Smoke rises, so the best air will be close to the ground. Hallway and stairwell doors contain small green reflective exit signs on the bottom. These signs will alert you to the exit since the smoke will probably block the ceiling exit signs.
- **NEVER return to the building to retrieve something.** Most people who die in fires do so because they went back into the building to get a personal item. Alert Campus Safety or the Fire Department if there is someone in the building.
- **If you are trapped in your room, open the window and hang a white sheet or other item out.** This will alert firefighters to your room so you can be rescued.
- Fire extinguishers are provided on each floor area. Use them only if your path is obstructed by fire. **We do not recommend using the fire extinguisher to extinguish a fire that is any larger than a small trash can.**

Questions? Contact

Fire Safety Supervisor Mike Hilton @ 518-388-8009

Or email: [hiltonm@union.edu](mailto:hiltonm@union.edu)



**Reminder: All campus roadways are Fire Lanes. No Parking allowed.**



# Fire Safety at Union College



**Emergency**

(Crime In Progress; Fire; Medical)

**911**

Campus Safety  
College Park Hall  
518-388-6911



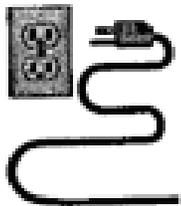
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## If a fire alarm sounds don't become a victim. Get out and stay out!

All Union College buildings have fire protection systems. The residence halls have the latest state of the art systems that provide early detection and reporting of alarms. A portion of the Union College residence halls are also fitted with fire sprinkler systems. Although sprinkler systems provide another level of protection, it is still important that you evacuate immediately once the fire alarm sounds. It only takes 2.5 minutes or less for a typical size dorm room to become totally involved in fire once it starts!

## Fire Safety Equipment

It's there to protect YOU! That includes fire extinguishers, fire alarms, smoke detectors and heat detectors. If you have any question about their use - or experience an apparent problem - contact campus safety immediately at extension 6911. Do not attempt to correct a problem yourself! If this equipment is not available, you and your friends will be nearly defenseless if a fire should start. Also, causing false alarms will jeopardize other students and faculty/staff members



### Overloaded Outlets

They can take just so much, then they can overheat and become a fire hazard, Trying to push too much electricity through too small a wire causes heat. Heat causes fires. It's just that simple. Use only multiple outlet boxes with built-in circuit breakers.

## Decorations

Just imagine flaming material falling from the ceiling. Don't place decorations on the ceilings. Materials on the ceilings may also impede the activations of smoke and heat detection equipment. Wall and ceiling decorations will increase the speed of fire spread. Limit decorations to a maximum of 25% of the available wall space, which equates to an area about 8"x8".

## Cooking in Rooms

It's been done before! Students wound up burning more than their food. **Kitchens are available and designed for safe cooking. Unapproved devices must be removed.**



**Smoking within ANY AND ALL Union College buildings is prohibited. This includes your private bedroom area.**

**CANDLES are NOT permitted in Union Residences. Lit or not, they are not permitted.**



**Wood type lofts are no longer permitted at Union College. Please contact Residential Life for further details.**



### Outlets, Switches and Lamps

If they belong to the room and not to you, submit a Repair Request so that problems can be corrected immediately.