

Fire Safety

SUNY Canton has a strong history of supporting and developing a college-wide fire safety program. This pamphlet is designed with the user in mind to outline procedures and to provide guidelines.

Fire safety should always be your concern no matter where you reside. Always know the location of the nearest fire exit and pull box station. Post emergency numbers next to all your phones. *Your life may depend on it!*

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If there is a fire, you smell smoke or an alarm sounds, here are some tips:

- ✓ Treat every alarm as though there is a real fire.
 - ✓ If you have time, quickly put on weather-appropriate clothing. You don't know how long you'll be outside.
 - ✓ Feel the door handle. If it is hot, don't open it. If it is cool, brace yourself against the door and open it slightly. If heat or heavy smoke are present, close the door and stay in the room.
 - ✓ If you can't get out, get someone's attention. Go to the window, yell and scream, and hang a sheet from the window. If there is a phone in the room, dial x7777 and alert the University Police that you are trapped. Be sure to give your room # and location.
 - ✓ If you are trapped in the room, seal cracks and vents if smoke comes in. If there is no smoke outside, open windows to let heat and smoke out and allow fresh air into the room.
- ✓ Knock on doors as you leave the building and yell "FIRE."
 - ✓ Pull the fire alarm on your way out.
 - ✓ Don't use the elevator; use the stairs.
 - ✓ If the halls are filled with smoke, crawl low to the floor. There is less smoke and poisonous gas close to the floor. Get low and go!
 - ✓ Close doors behind you. This may help to keep the fire from spreading.
 - ✓ Get out of the building before telephoning for help, University Police x7777 or 911. Provide as much information as possible to the emergency dispatcher.
 - ✓ Observe things such as the smell of smoke or the sight of fire and make a mental note as you evacuate the building. Tell a firefighter what you observed.
 - ✓ Move away from the building and out of the way of the fire department.
 - ✓ Do not go back into the building unless a police officer or fire

department official says it is safe to do so.

- ✓ If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop and roll wherever you are. Rolling smothers the fire.

Immediate Evacuation:

Total and immediate evacuation is safest. Leave firefighting to the professionals. Your objective is to exit the building safely and immediately. Always exit the building upon hearing the fire alarm. Never assume the alarm is false!!

Fire Equipment Misuse:

Falsely reporting a fire alarm is a Felony under Penal Law. An arrest may result when an individual initiates or circulates a false report or warning of an alleged occurrence or impeding occurrence of a fire, explosion, or the release of a hazardous substance under circumstances in protection equipment endangers the lives and safety of members of the campus community and an arrest and/or discipline by the Dean of Students may result.

Prohibited Items:

The university has further prohibited the following items in student rooms for increased fire safety: candles, incense, hot plates, live Christmas trees, tapestries hung from the ceiling, halogen lamps, microwaves, toasters and toaster ovens, air conditioners, heaters and sun lamps. Possession of any of these items can lead to disciplinary action by the university

Use only UL approved circuit breaker surge protectors for computer equipment.

Fire safety is the responsibility of all of us. Through education and awareness, we can make our campus a safer place.



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To Serve and Protect

