

BEFORE A FIRE OCCURS...

- ▶ Check smoke detector to ensure they are maintained and in working order.
- ▶ Ensure that escape routes are clearly posted in appropriate locations throughout the chapter house.
- ▶ Hold an unannounced fire drill approximately every six weeks.
- ▶ Ensure electrical outlets are not overloaded.
- ▶ Keep space heaters and halogen lamps (which are not allowed on some campuses) away from flammables.
- ▶ Always put out candles and incenses when leaving the room.
- ▶ Check for improperly discarded smoking materials.
- ▶ Don't smoke while tired or impaired.
- ▶ Clean up immediately after chapter events and take all garbage outside safely away from the building.

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE...

- ▶ Take fire alarms seriously. Do not ignore the alarm, wait to see fire or smoke, or worry about grabbing your personal items.
- ▶ Feel the door handle prior to opening the door. If the door handle is hot, don't open the door. Instead, go to the window and call for help. If the door handle is not hot, open the door with caution. Be sure to check for smoke or fire before proceeding.
- ▶ Get out of the building PRIOR to phoning for help. Once you're a safe distance away from the building, call 911.
- ▶ Pull the fire alarm on your way out of the building.
- ▶ Don't look for other people. Instead, knock on doors as you leave and yell, "Fire!"
- ▶ Don't hesitate to stray from your exit route if necessary.
- ▶ Crawl low to the floor. Thick smoke can make it impossible to see, and the best air is near the floor. Additionally, toxic chemicals from smoke can be deadly in minutes.
- ▶ If you can't get out of the building, get someone's attention by yelling out a window or using your cell phone to call the emergency responders.

RESOURCES

Campus Firewatch

<http://www.campus-firewatch.com>

Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Injury Prevention & Control: Home and Recreational Safety

<http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Fire-Prevention/index.html>

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

<http://www.nfpa.org/Education/index.asp>

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/fire_sfy.html

U.S. Fire Administration

<http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/>

Willis HRH

<http://www.willisfraternity.com>

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