

## Campus Fire Safety and Prevention

**Governor Spitzer proclaims September to be Campus Fire Safety Month throughout New York State.** Please take a minute to read the bulletin from the NYS Department of State. In addition, please keep your areas safe from fire hazards:

- Appliances should meet safety standards
- Do not block doors or exits
- Proper storage of flammables
- Safe use of extension cords
- Know your evacuation plan during a fire drill

### *Campus Fire Safety Bulletin*

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Office of Fire Prevention and Control  
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Albany, NY12231-0001**

In less than a minute a small fire can be out of control. In a matter of just a couple of minutes thick black smoke, heat, and flame can make a room, a corridor, or a house completely unsurvivable. The smoke reduces visibility to near zero. The heat reaches temperatures of hundreds of degrees. There is no time to do anything but escape. Even worse, most fires occur when people are asleep. If you wake up, time has already been lost leaving even less for escape.

#### **Surviving a fire requires you to follow a few “Nevers”**

♦ **Never** ignore a fire alarm. Escape every time. This one may be the real thing and that sound and your quick action may save your life.

♦ **Never** tamper with fire alarms or detectors. The early notification they provide may literally mean the difference between your life and death.

♦ **Never** waste time looking for anything you want to take with you. You have no time to do anything but escape.

♦ **Never** go back in. After you have escaped stay out. There is nothing inside worth dying for.

**When a fire occurs, time is the biggest enemy. Every second counts!**