FIRE

PREPAREDNESS GUIDEPOST

Firefighters respond to an average of 3,810 fires in college residence halls and Greek housing each year.

- 70 percent of fatal campus fires occurred on the weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).
- 73 percent of the fatal fires occurred between midnight and 6 a.m.

If You Discover a Fire

SOUND the alarm – Activate the nearest fire alarm pull station.

EVACUATE the building immediately.

CALL 911 from a safe location and report the details of the fire.

EXTINGUISH the fire if the flames are small and contained, and you have received training on the use of portable extinguishers. If not, close the door to contain the fire. [https://ehs.oregonstate.edu/osu-fire-extinguisher-use](https://ehs.oregonstate.edu/osu-fire-extinguisher-use)

REPORT to designated meeting area.

FIRE PREVENTION PROTOCOLS

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Frayed wires can cause fires. Replace all worn, old or damaged appliance cords immediately and do not run cords under rugs or furniture.
- Keep combustible objects at least three feet away from portable heating devices
- Inspect and clean woodstove pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions
- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet
- Electric heaters should be plugged directly into the wall outlet. If an extension cord is necessary, use the shortest possible heavy-duty cord of 14-gauge wire or larger.

https://emergency.oregonstate.edu/emergency-preparedness/preparedness-topics
https://www.ready.gov/
https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/college.html