Students & Parents

TALKING TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

Ask questions to discern the level of safety and preparedness. A safe school will share these answers openly.

- How many fire incidents are on your campus? Are the incidents usually accidental or intentional?
- Do you follow up with public education and informing students of how to prevent these events in the future?
- Which buildings are protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system? Are all residential buildings equipped with sprinklers?
- Does every student’s room have a smoke alarm?
- What is the school’s disciplinary policy towards students that cause false alarms or fail to evacuate during an alarm?
- Is smoking allowed in dorm rooms or apartments?
- What items are prohibited in the residence halls? Candles, Halogen Lamps?
- What are the acceptable small appliances to bring to school?
- Do the dorm rooms have enough outlets with enough power to feed energy need? Are there recommended limits or specific certified products that are safer to use?
- Do the residence hall staff receive fire and life safety training? How often?
- How often do students get exposure to fire and life safety training such as fire extinguisher training and evacuation drills?
- What other types of exercises does the school conduct regarding emergency planning and preparedness?

Campus Fire Safety Facts:
September is one of the worst months for fatal campus-related housing fires. Unfortu-
nately, many college students do not realize how quickly a fire can occur.

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