

CCFS Resources to support Campus Fire Safety

Student Safety Tips

- **Plan your escape routes** - Identify windows and doors, know two ways out and determine an escape route **before the fire**. Always choose the safest escape route - the one with the least amount smoke and heat. Be prepared to get low under smoke if necessary.
- **Keep escape routes clear** - do not allow objects to be stored in halls or stairwells. Make sure windows can be **easily opened**.
- **Inspect the exterior door** at bottom of stairwell. It must be able to be opened without a key from the inside. **Door cannot be blocked** by snow, cars or other objects.
- Keep an **emergency escape ladder** on upper floors. Follow manufacturer's instructions for the safe use of emergency escape ladders. Only purchase emergency escape ladders evaluated by a recognized testing laboratory. Only use the ladder from upper floors in a real emergency.
- **Choose a meeting place in advance** - Pick a highly visible area, a safe distance away from the flames, to meet in case of fire related emergency.
- **Be prepared** - Practice your emergency exit routes with each occupant. Practice crawling low to avoid toxic smoke from a fire. Practice feeling doors for heat before opening. Practice opening windows. Practice using an emergency escape ladder from the first floor.
- Use a portable fire extinguisher **only** if you know how and can do so safely. **Before using a fire extinguisher call 9-1-1 and sound the fire alarm**. Fire extinguishers are useful only for very small fires, like those contained in a small waste basket. If the fire is larger that, exit the building immediately.



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