



Boulder Fire-Rescue



**University of Colorado at Boulder
Department of Housing & Dining Services**

Dear Parent of CU Student,

We are committed to assisting your student in having a safe experience while attending CU, and we need you and your student to know and comply with our fire safety regulations. Therefore, Boulder Fire Department and the University of Colorado ask that you, along with your student, review this information before your student moves to campus!

First and foremost, we are dedicated to student's welfare and work hard to educate, prevent and respond to fire related emergencies. It takes all members of the community to prevent fires. We take our responsibility seriously and request you and your student's assistance in preventing fires in the halls. Please know that violations of the policies below may result in penalties including academic sanctions and community service.

Fire Hazards in Residence Halls

These items are prohibited for USE or POSSESSION and will be confiscated.

- **Candles** – Candles are not allowed – unlit or lighted.
- **Beanbag Chairs** – can produce highly toxic smoke in a fire.
- **Wall Hangings** - can obstruct fire sprinkler heads and add fuel in case of fire.
- **Toaster/ovens/grills** - are fire hazards. (Toasters are available in hall dining areas).
- **Incense** - hot ash can drop onto cloth or papers causing a fire.
- **Halogen lamps** - contain super hot gas that can quickly ignite (please read the boxes and labels of desk top study lamps. Many of them are now halogen and have contributed to fires in residence halls).

Smoking is not allowed in any residence hall on the CU Boulder campus.

Emergency Procedures

- Students must evacuate when the fire alarm sounds. Very few alarms are caused by equipment mal-function; therefore every alarm must be taken seriously.
- It is important for the student to use the exit nearest their room.
- Remind the student to always use the stairs when evacuating. Elevators are not an option!

Fire Safety Systems in CU Residence Halls

- Each student room is equipped with automatic fire suppression sprinklers. Sprinklers are activated by heat/fire, not smoke.
- Each room is equipped with a smoke alarm and most are battery-powered. Tampering with smoke alarms is cause for suspension. Judicial Affairs has a "zero tolerance" policy for any student responsible for false alarms or damage to fire safety systems.
- Sprinkler equipment need to be free of any obstructions. Playing with Frisbees, footballs, etc. in the hallways is not allowed because sprinkler heads can be damaged and activated.
- Fire alarms are located throughout the halls. Alarms will sound throughout the building when any fire sprinkler or manual pull station is activated. Boulder Fire responds to all alarms.
- Students can be held liable for damages to life or property caused by tampering with fire and life safety systems.

Sincerely,

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