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Fire Department

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Dear Tenant,

**There has been a fire in your apartment/condo complex recently. Boulder Fire Department and your property managers want you to have this important fire safety information:**

- **Smoke alarms are your best and earliest warning of a fire.** Alarms should never be dismantled or batteries removed – for any reason! Smoke is what usually kills people in a fire.
- **Change the battery at least once a year.** Note: If the alarm makes a chirping sound, it needs a new battery.
- **You may have only minutes to escape once the alarm sounds.** Without the alarm, the smoke could send you into a deeper sleep, unconsciousness and death.
- **Have a plan to get out quickly! Keep exits clear – remove obstacles that could trap you.**
- **Plan 2 ways out of your room and your unit.**
- Check your nearest exit: If you see dense smoke or feel heat, use your second exit.
- If you are trapped by fire, call 9-1-1 with your location and signal from the window.
- **Never leave a burning candle unattended.** Candles are the Number One cause of fires in Boulder.
- **Check the trash cans and upholstery after people have been smoking – it can save your life!**
- Fires can smolder in furniture or trash cans for many hours before they burst into flames.
- **Purchase Renter's insurance to cover your personal property – it is not expensive!** Owners and Landlords insurance only covers the structure, appliances, etc. – not your belongings.

**Please call the Boulder Fire Safety Division, Education office at 303-441-4355 or your property manager for more information.**