



Boulder Fire-Rescue

Fire Safety for University of Colorado Residence Halls

Prohibited Items in the CU Residence Halls

- **Candles** – Candles are the leading cause of fires in Boulder. Candles can ignite plastic, wood, cloth, carpet, curtains - anything that can burn.
- **Beanbag Chairs** – contain highly flammable material that produces toxic smoke.
- **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.

Penalties

- Possession of any of the above items will result in community service hours.
- Items will be confiscated by Hall Staff and held until semester.
- Tampering with fire safety systems or causing false alarms will involve Judicial Affairs and CU Police. You can be held liable for damages and face university administrative sanctions.

In addition:

No Smoking is allowed in any residence hall on the Boulder campus.

Fire Safety Systems in Residence Halls

- Each room is equipped with an automatic fire suppression sprinklers.
- Sprinklers are activated by heat, not smoke. Sprinklers do not activate on the entire floor.
- Each room is equipped with a smoke alarm, most are battery-powered.

Emergency Procedures

- **When a Fire Alarm sounds, GET OUT!** Take fire alarms seriously; always evacuate. (Non-evacuation may result in penalties).
- Even though your residence hall has fire sprinklers, deadly smoke can travel in ventilation systems, so you must GET OUT!
- Find your nearest exit, not just your most familiar route.
- Use the stairs when evacuating. Elevators can trap you between floors or open onto the fire floor. Elevators are not an option.
- If you are trapped and cannot evacuate, Call 911 with your location. Do not jump!
- Take responsibility for your own safety.