

Fire Safety Training Resources for Students

Every year hundreds of fire-related emergencies endanger the lives of students. Fire safety training is critical for ensuring student safety and reducing fire-related risks and liabilities.

Under the 2008 amendments to the Higher Education and Opportunity Act, institutions are required to annually report their student fire safety training efforts to the U.S. Department of Education. This list of free resources can help your institution develop an appropriate curriculum for training students who live on campus, off campus, and those with disabilities.

I. General Safety Information for On- or Off-Campus Housing	
<i>Publications</i>	<i>Videos</i>
<p><u>Get Out and Stay Alive</u>: Best practices for students in developing a fire safety action plan</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>	<p><u>Get Out and Stay Alive</u>: Educates students about day-to-day fire safety and prevention measures (15 minutes)</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>
<p><u>Campus Fire Safety</u>: Important fire safety training for both off- and on-campus students</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>	<p><u>Campus Fire Safety</u>: Fire safety tips and the main causes of fires (1 minute)</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>
<p><u>College Campus Fire Safety</u>: Effective steps for ensuring a fire-safe environment</p> <p>National Fire Protection Association</p>	<p><u>Egress Fire Safety</u>: The importance of having two escape routes from a residence (1 minute)</p> <p>Michael H. Minger Foundation</p>
<p><u>Create an Escape Plan</u>: Practical guide for establishing an escape plan in the event of fire</p> <p>igot2kno.org & The People's Burn Foundation</p>	<p><u>9 Fires: Off Campus</u>: Edited version of the "9 Fires" documentary focusing on fires in off-campus residences (8 minutes).</p> <p><u>9 Fires: On Campus</u>: Edited version of the "9 Fires" documentary focusing on fires in on-campus residences (10 minutes)</p> <p>Michael H. Minger Foundation</p>
<p><u>Top 10 Tips for Dorm and Off-campus Living</u>: Tips for fire safety in residence halls and off-campus housing</p> <p>igot2kno.org & People's Burn Foundation</p>	<p><u>The Great Escape</u>: Videos describing the university's fire safety training program for students; the training involves students attempting to escape a residence hall with fire-like conditions</p> <p>University of Toledo</p>

I. General Safety Information for On- or Off-Campus Housing (continued)	
<i>Publications</i>	<i>Videos</i>
<p>High-Rise Apartment & Condominium Safety: The importance of fire safety and how to develop an escape plan in the event of a fire in a high-rise building</p> <p>National Fire Protection Association</p>	<p>Getting Out Safely: Realistic and helpful information for getting out of a fire situation in a residence (3 minutes)</p> <p>igot2kno.org and The People’s Burn Foundation</p>
II. On-Campus Housing Specific Resources	
<i>Publications</i>	<i>Videos</i>
<p>RA Guide to Teaching Fire Safety: Fire safety information and strategies for teaching students</p> <p>Michael H. Minger Foundation</p>	<p>Fire Safety: The dangers of residence hall fires and safety strategies (8 minutes)</p> <p>University of Maine</p>
<p>University Housing Fires: Findings of a two-year study on university housing fires</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>	<p>Live Burn: Demonstration of a rapidly escalating, controlled fire in typical dorm room (3 minutes)</p> <p>Western University</p>
III. Off-Campus Housing Specific Resources	
<i>Publications</i>	<i>Videos</i>
<p>Answer these 20 questions before you sign a rental agreement: Fire safety questions for students to ask potential landlords</p> <p>National Association of State Fire Marshals & U.S. Fire Administration</p>	<p>Peter’s story: Profile of a student who died in a house fire while visiting the University of Wisconsin-Madison (20 minutes)</p> <p>Campus Firewatch</p>
	<p>Purdue University Waldron St. Fire Story: Story of four roommates who lost their home in an apartment complex fire (4 minutes)</p> <p>Igot2kno.org & The People’s Burn Foundation</p>
	<p>Ben Woodruff Story: Story of a residence fire at the University of North Carolina that killed five students, including Ben Woodruff (6 minutes)</p> <p>Igot2kno.org & The People’s Burn Foundation</p>
	<p>Cody Pilkington Story: Story of a housing fire at North Carolina State University that killed Cody Pilkington and another student (7 minutes)</p> <p>Igot2kno.org & The People’s Burn Foundation</p>
IV. Students With Disabilities	
<i>Publications</i>	<i>Videos</i>
<p>Teaching Students With Disabilities About Fire Safety: Techniques for teaching students with disabilities about fire safety</p> <p>Campus Firewatch</p>	<p>Vision Impaired - Carey: Cooking and kitchen fire safety for those with vision impairment (4 minutes)</p> <p>Michael H. Minger Foundation</p>

IV. Students With Disabilities (continued)	
<i>Publications</i>	<i>Videos</i>
<p>Fire Safety Checklist for People with Disabilities: Ways to decrease the risk of fatality in fire situations that involve people with disabilities</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>	<p>Learning and Development - Ian: Cooking and kitchen fire safety for those with learning and developmental disabilities (4 minutes)</p> <p>Michael H. Minger Foundation</p>
<p>People with Disabilities and their Caregivers: Considerations for helping disabled individuals escape from a fire</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>	<p>Hard of Hearing and Deaf - Sarah: Cooking and kitchen fire safety for those with hearing impairment (4 minutes)</p> <p>Michael H. Minger Foundation</p>
<p>Guide to Teaching Fire Safety to Students with Disabilities: Teaching fire safety to college and university students with disabilities</p> <p>Michael H. Minger Foundation</p>	
<p>Fire Safety for People with Visual Impairments: Considerations for those with visual impairments to escape from a fire</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>	
<p>Fire Safety for People with Hearing Impairments: Considerations for those with hearing impairments to escape from a fire</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>	
V. Specific Issues in Fire Safety	
<i>Publications</i>	<i>Videos</i>
Alcohol	
<p>Alcohol and Fire Safety: Why consumption of alcohol increases risk in fire situations</p> <p>Center for Campus Fire Safety</p>	<p>Alcohol and Fire Safety: How drinking can affect one's ability to prevent and escape a fire (1 minute)</p> <p>Igot2kno.org</p>
Candles	
<p>FAQ Candle Safety: Fire risks of using candles in residences</p> <p>Igot2kno.org & The People's Burn Foundation</p>	<p>Fire Safety: Candles: Fire safety tips related to candle use (3 minutes)</p> <p>City of St. Paul</p>
Cooking/Grilling	
<p>Cooking Fire Safety: General safe cooking behaviors</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>	<p>Cooking Fire Safety: Cooking fire safety tips (1 minute)</p> <p>Michael H. Minger Foundation</p>
<p>Cooking Safety: General guidance on cooking safely; how to respond to a cooking fire</p> <p>National Fire Protection Association</p>	<p>Cooking Fire Safety: Keep Things Away From Heat: How to avoid fires and other burns when cooking at home (1 minute)</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>

V. Specific Issues in Fire Safety (continued)	
<i>Publications</i>	<i>Videos</i>
<p>Grilling Safety: Fire safety tips for using propane and charcoal grills</p> <p>National Fire Protection Association</p>	<p>Grilling Fire Safety: Fire safety tips for outdoor cooking (30 seconds)</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>
Dryers	
<p>Dryer Safety: Effective safety tips for preventing clothes dryer fires</p> <p>National Fire Protection Association</p>	<p>Dryer Safety: Simple ways to prevent clothes dryer fires (4 minutes)</p> <p>The Today Show</p>
Electrical	
<p>Electrical Safety: Fire safety tips for using electrical appliances</p> <p>National Fire Protection Association</p>	<p>Electrical Fire Safety in the Home: How to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from electrical fires (30 seconds)</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>
Fire Extinguishers	
<p>How Do Fire Extinguishers Work: The operation of different types of fire extinguishers</p> <p>Stony Brook University</p>	<p>How to Use a Portable Fire Extinguisher Training Video: How to assess a potential fire situation and use a portable fire extinguisher (2 minutes)</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>
<p>Fire Extinguisher Training: How to use a fire extinguisher</p> <p>Oklahoma State University</p>	<p>Using a Fire Extinguisher: Demonstration of fire extinguisher operation (2 minutes)</p> <p>Bremerton Fire Department</p>
Holiday Decorations	
<p>Holiday Season Decorating Safety Tips: Fire safety tips relating to trees, lights, candles, decorations, and fireplaces</p> <p>U.S. Consumer Product and Safety Commission</p>	<p>Holiday Fires: Precautions for avoiding holiday fires (1 minute)</p> <p>State Farm</p>
Smoking	
<p>Smoking & Home Fire Safety: Guidance on smoking safely; the safety benefits of smoking outdoors</p> <p>National Fire Protection Association</p>	<p>Smoking and Fire Safety: Avoiding smoking related fires in the home (30 seconds)</p> <p>U.S. Fire Administration</p>
Smoke Alarms and Sprinklers	
<p>FAQ: Smoke Alarms: Answers to frequently asked questions regarding smoke alarms</p> <p>Igot2kno.org & The People's Burn Foundation</p>	<p>Smoke Detectors: Explains the importance of smoke alarms and how to keep them functioning properly (2 minutes)</p> <p>Igot2kno.org & The People's Burn Foundation</p>
<p>FAQ: Sprinklers: Answers to frequently asked questions regarding sprinkler systems</p> <p>Igot2kno.org & The People's Burn Foundation</p>	