GUIDELINES FOR STAYING SAFE IN UNIVERSITY RESIDENCES
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Emergency Contact Info

**Pitt Police:** 412-624-2121 or 911

**Panther Central:** 412-648-1100

Pitt Police and Panther Central are available 24/7 to take your call.

For urgent issues that do not immediately impact your safety, call Panther Central.
Rules to Keep You Safe

• Smoking is prohibited in all University buildings.

• Do not obstruct sidewalks, entryways, driveways, fire lanes, corridors, vestibules, passages, elevators, stairways, or fire escapes.
  • Do not store items in these areas.

• Do not tamper with heating, lighting, or fire and safety equipment.

• Do not hang clothes or other items on sprinkler heads.

• Do not remove batteries from smoke detectors.

Fact:
58% of fatal campus fires occurred in residences where smoke alarms were either missing or had been tampered with (disconnected or battery removed).
Prohibited Appliances

Toaster ovens/toasters, hot plates/cup warmers, gas grills/indoor grills, open-flame cooking devices, steamers, coffee makers with burners, rice cookers, induction cooktops, space heaters, air conditioners, halogen or high-intensity quartz light fixtures (torchiere) and lava lamps, extension cords (power strips with surge protectors are acceptable).

Off-campus lessees may have different guidelines.

University-owned apartments can be reached at 412-624-6998 or ocl@bc.pitt.edu
Electrical Safety

• Appliances should be plugged directly into a socket.

• Do not overload power strips or outlets.

• Do not connect multiple cords/power strips together, especially string lights.

• Do not staple cords.

• Irons, hairdryers, curling irons and straighteners should never be left unattended and should be unplugged when not in use.

• All traditional fire extinguishers in our buildings are Class C-rated for electrical fires.

Fact:
Electrical fires account for 11% of all campus fires in the last 16 years.
- Campus Fire Fatalities in residential buildings (2000-2015)
Fire or Emergency – What to Do

Preparation is important.

When you move in:
- Familiarize yourself with exit routes.
- Locate fire alarm pull stations on your floor.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible.
  - Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
  - Memorize the layout of your exit route.

If you discover fire or smoke:
- Activate the nearest fire alarm pull station.
- Close windows/doors as you leave.
  - Remember your key/ID.
- Follow the evacuation route.
  - Use the stairs, not the elevators.
- Exit the building and do not re-enter until you are told it is safe to do so.
Evacuation Assembly Locations

- **Amos, Brackenridge, Bruce, Holland and McCormick** — David Lawrence Hall
- **Bouquet Gardens** — Posvar Hall lobby or patio
- **Centre Plaza** — Petersen Events Center
- **Darragh Street** — Trees Hall
- **Forbes** — David Lawrence
- **Forbes-Craig** — Bellefield Hall
- **Franklin Apartments** — Posvar Hall
- **Litchfield Towers** — David Lawrence Hall
- **Lothrop** — Victoria Hall
- **Mayflower Apartments** — Bellefield Hall
- **Nordenberg** — Alumni Hall
- **Oakwood Apartments** — Posvar Hall
- **Panther and Irvis** — Petersen Events Center
- **Sutherland and Fraternities** — Petersen Events Center
- **Ruskin Hall** — Alumni Hall
Kitchen Safety

In case of a fire:
- Small pan fires – Use a large lid to smother the flames.
- Grease fires – Use baking soda or fire extinguishers.
  - Do NOT use water.
- Microwave fires – Unplug and leave the door closed.

Fire Extinguishers

Traditional fire extinguishers can be found in the residence halls every 75 feet.
- Use a fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape.
- Fire Extinguishers in university buildings are intended for use by first responders. Evacuation is always your top priority in an emergency.
Maintenance Requests

If you see a potentially hazardous situation or damaged safety equipment in residence halls or University-owned apartments, let us know!

Go to www.pc.pitt.edu and select “Submit a maintenance request” from the drop down menu.

If you have an emergency request, call Panther Central at 412-648-1100.

We will be happy to service any other maintenance issues as well!
Refer to Signage for Safest Practices

Thank you for helping Panther Nation stay healthy.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, elevator capacity is limited which may lead to delays.

Staircases are open for use.

Thank you for your patience.

emergency.pitt.edu/covid-19
For more information about residence hall safety, please visit:

www.pc.pitt.edu/housing-services/safety-security

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