

Fire Safety



Know what you would do in a fire emergency during UCEAP, or while traveling during a break. Fire as a risk or threat in the environment in the U.S. or abroad is always a possibility. Fire safety is a matter of thinking ahead, knowing what to do, and keeping your fear under control. Take a few minutes to learn how to survive a fire! For more information visit firesafetyfoundation.org



Know and practice an escape plan. Have two ways out of every room. Know all exit routes from any location you are in based on your physical capabilities. If you use a walker or wheelchair, check all exits to be sure you get through the doorways



Regularly inspect your room for fire hazards.

Do not ignore fire alarms. Do not wait to see fire or smoke. Leave immediately and know how to call the local fire department once outside. Do not worry about getting your belongings.



Make sure you are in a fire-safe environment. Ask about fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in dorms, apartments, home stays, hotels, etc.



Purchase and install a battery-operated smoke alarm. For students who are deaf or hard of hearing, smoke alarms with a vibrating pad or flashing light are available. Make sure it works. Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.



Choose accommodations that are protected by smoke alarms and fire sprinkler systems, if available.



When you enter your room, review an escape plan if posted in your room. If no escape plan is posted, draw it yourself and practice how you would get out of your room.



Take time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to management right away.



Keep your room key by your bed and take it with you if there is a fire.



Never use elevators during a fire.



If you must escape through smoke, **always get low and go under the smoke to your exit.**