



## Message To Boiler Parents

This is an exciting time for you and your loved ones as they begin a new chapter in their lives. We are delighted that your child has chosen Purdue University to be his/her home for the next several years.

On behalf of the men and women of the Purdue University Fire Department, we would like to not only extend our welcome, but also take a moment to encourage you to become actively involved with your son's or daughter's safety.

Purdue University is the only Big Ten University to have a fire department. It is the mission of the Purdue University Fire Department to make everyone's experience here at Purdue a safe one. Therefore, we are recruiting you to assist us.

Since 2000, over 134 students have died in college campus fires throughout the nation. Ninety percent of these preventable fire fatalities occurred in off-campus housing, while the remaining 10% occurred in University residence halls. Purdue University has never reported a fire fatality.

Please take a few minutes to review the following information and take an active role in checking out the housing where your son or daughter is living. If they are moving into housing not managed and regulated by Purdue University, make sure the building meets all life safety requirements, has a working smoking detector, and that you and your child have discussed at least two emergency escape plans in case of a fire.

## Purdue University Fire Department

Purdue University Fire Department was inaugurated in October 1963. In its first year directed by Fire Chief Walter Hart, eleven firefighters responded to 92 emergency calls using its only fire apparatus.

Today, under the leadership of Fire Chief Kevin Ply, twenty-eight dedicated professional firefighters respond to nearly 2,700 runs, while serving a growing Purdue community of over 50,000 people on any given day.

Purdue firefighters are uniquely trained to respond to many different types of emergencies. Purdue Fire consist of an advanced life support (ALS) fire engine, 102 ft. aerial tower fire apparatus, 2 ALS ambulances, a command vehicle, several emergency response trailers and an airport response truck. Each Purdue Fire Department member also holds a State of Indiana certification for firefighter, EMT or Paramedic, Airport fire-fighter, Hazardous Material Technician, as well as; other specialized fire department training requirements.

With national numbers of campus related fires on the rise, Purdue University Fire Department added another layer of safety for the Purdue community it serves. Purdue Fire has expanded the department with a full-time Fire Prevention Specialist. This position will conduct life safety inspections, fire drills and focus on educating the diverse groups of students, faculty and staff on a variety of fire prevention and safety topics.

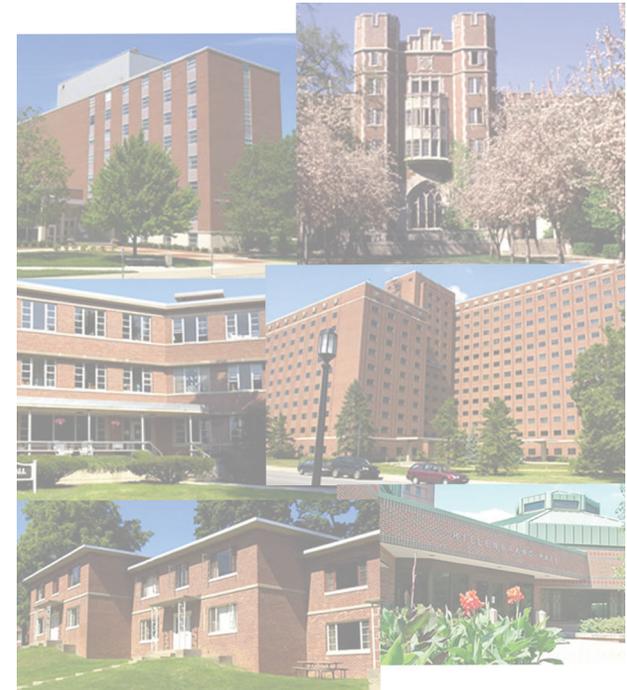
The mission of Purdue University Fire Prevention Program is to mitigate the threat to life and property throughout the Purdue community, with the delivery of quality education, prevention, inspection and preparedness.

For more information, visit: [www.purdue.edu/fire](http://www.purdue.edu/fire)  
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## Fire Prevention



**DIAL** **EMERGENCY**  
**9-1-1** **FIRE**  
**POLICE**  
**MEDICAL**

Non-emergency: (765) 494-6919

<http://www.purdue.edu/fire>

The hazard of fire is prevalent at homes, schools or even the workplace today. The dangers during a fire are extremely high. Purdue University Fire Department is striving to educate as many individuals on the importance of emergency procedures, personal safety and immediate evacuation during all fire alarms.



## Leading Causes Of Nationwide Fire Deaths On College Campuses Are...

- Careless disposal of smoking material.
- Impaired judgment from alcohol consumption.
- Lack of automatic fire sprinkler systems.
- Tampering with fire alarms & disabling, missing or non-functioning smoke detectors.
- Fire overloads, candles, halogen lamps and electrical overloads.
- Ignoring a fire alarm.



## What Can I Do To Prevent A Fire?

- Start with a positive attitude about fire safety. Be actively aware of your surroundings. If a bar or party gets to be too hard to move around, just leave.
- **Never** throw any heat source or cigarette in the trash can. Always blow out a lit candle if you are leaving the room.
- Use approved power fault electrical power strip to plug in your electronics. **Never** overload an outlet or run a cord under a rug.
- Good housekeeping can help reduce the risk of a fire occurring.

## If A Fire Should Occur...

- In your room— Get out and close the door behind you. If you are the last to leave the room simply closing the door behind you can assist in containing the fire and smoke to the area. It will also allow others to exit safely.
- Pull the closest fire alarm on your way out. It will alert everyone inside— To get out !
- Know at least two escape routes.
- **Never** use the elevator during a fire alarm. Remember to always use the stairs.
- Call **911** from a safe place outside.
- **Never** re-enter a building for any reason. Have a meeting place & wait until you get the all clear from the fire department to go back inside.

## I'm Trapped What Should I Do?

- If you are not able to get out due to thick smoke and fire, you will need to shelter-in-place.
- It's important to try and stay calm. If you are able, move to a room with an outside window. Call **911** if possible and let them know where you are trapped.
- Block the cracks from around the door to prevent smoke from coming in.
- Stay by the window where rescuers can see you. Remember, rescue in large buildings can take some time. Please be patient.

## Evacuation With Physical Disabilities



- Always evacuate if a fire alarm is sounding. Remember to **Never** use the elevator.
- It is best to have arrangements pre-planned for evacuation assistance. Arrangements can be made to reasonably assure that assistance is provided to anyone who requires it. Contact the Purdue Fire Department for arrangements.

## Fire Safety Checklist

*CIRCLE ONE: Safety Starts with Prevention!*

- Yes No** Does your room have a working smoke detectors?
- Yes No** Does your building have a fire alarm system?
- Yes No** Does your building have fire extinguishers in place?
- Yes No** Does your building have a automatic sprinkler system?
- Yes No** Do you have two escape routes? Remember to check the windows to see if they can be opened and are not broken or painted shut.
- Yes No** Are the hallways and exits free from debris & furniture?
- Yes No** Are your emergency exits clearly marked and visible?
- Yes No** Are your electronic devices plugged into an approved ground fault power strip? If possible, remember to keep electronics off the floor in case of water.
- Yes No** Is your room organized to reduce a fire overload?

**Congratulations** and thank you for taking the time to read these important safety tips. We hope that your experience here at Purdue is a safe one.

Purdue University Fire Department provides several fire prevention & public education classes. To arrange a class check out our website: [www.purdue.edu/fire](http://www.purdue.edu/fire) or call **(765) 494-0958**.

For additional information on safety, please go to: [http://www.purdue.edu/emergency\\_preparedness/](http://www.purdue.edu/emergency_preparedness/)

**Go Boilers!**