

Here are some important questions for students and parents to ask before moving into an off-campus apartment. This guide is brought to you by URI's Dean of Students Office and Department of Public Safety.

What to look for

- Are there working smoke alarms in each bedroom, outside of sleeping areas, and on each level of the house?
- Are there working carbon monoxide alarms on each level of the house?
- Are there at least two ways out of each room and the house?
- Do the upper levels have at least two sets of stairs inside and/or a fire escape?
- Are there exit signs in the hallways to show the way out?
- Has the house's heating system been inspected recently (in the last year)?
- Are there enough electrical outlets for all appliances, computers, printers, and electronics – without using extension cords?
- Are there fire extinguishers in place? Are they operable and do you know how to use them?

Additional fire Safety tips

- Limit extension cords. Ensure they are of proper sizes, not frayed or damaged, and not pinched behind furniture, doors or run under carpets.
- Use caution when smoking. Ensure smoking material is disposed of properly and extinguished if left unattended.
- Limit candle and incense use. Ensure they are completely extinguished before leaving the room.
- Use safe cooking practices. Limit combustibles around stove, never leave cooking unattended or cook when impaired by drugs or alcohol.
- Know at least two ways out of the house. Ensure your house has an escape plan. Know how to shelter in place if you cannot get out.
- Use space heaters with caution. Watch drapes and bedding around heat sources. Check for snow drifts that may block vents for heating appliances or clothes dryers.

IN CASE OF FIRE, ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1

WHEN IN DOUBT, JUST GET OUT!



In case of a fire in your house:

- Exit the house right away – stay low (below smoke) and go (leave building).
- On your way out of the house knock on doors and alert other occupants.
- Activate the fire alarm system by pulling the manual pull station.
- **Call 9-1-1** (on campus, call 874-2121).
- Once out, stay out!

Remember: Your landlord is responsible for compliance with all state fire and building codes, including the installation of working smoke detectors. If you have questions about fire safety in off-campus housing, contact your local fire department for assistance
Kingston Fire Dept 401-783-6830
Narragansett Fire 401-789-1000
For on-campus matters, you may also contact URI Public Safety at 401-874-7994.