

## Candles

- Blow out all candles when you leave a room. Don't use candles in bedrooms.
- Use candles on uncluttered surfaces and at least 30cm away from anything that can burn.



- In the Town of Ocean City, it is illegal to grill within 6 meters of a multi-unit building.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- If you smell gas, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.

## Fireworks



- In the Town of Ocean City, it is illegal to possess or use fireworks.
- The best way to see fireworks is to go to a public display. We have several free fireworks shows during the summer.

## WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A FIRE

- Take all fire alarms seriously. Get out of the building.
- If there is smoke in the building, stay low.
- Close doors behind you on the way out of the building.
- If there is a fire alarm in the building, activate a fire alarm pull station.



- After you are outside, call 911 from a phone immediately.

**MOST  
IMPORTANTLY, DO  
NOT GO BACK  
INSIDE THE  
BUILDING!!!**

**OCEAN CITY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL



## *Student Housing Fire Prevention and Life Safety Tips*

For questions, concerns, or complaints, please contact us:

**Ocean City Fire Department  
Office of the Fire Marshal  
P.O. Box 158  
Ocean City, MD 21843  
410-289-8780**

or visit our website:

[http://oceancitymd.gov/Fire\\_Department/Fire\\_Marshal/](http://oceancitymd.gov/Fire_Department/Fire_Marshal/)

## SMOKE ALARMS



- Smoke Alarms are required in all living units within the Town of Ocean City.
- Smoke Alarms are required to be located on each level of the living unit, and should be audible in each sleeping area.
- Smoke Alarms should be tested monthly to make sure that they are functional.
- If your smoke alarm is “beeping,” it means that the batteries need to be replaced.
- Batteries should **never** be removed from smoke alarms.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SLEEP IN A DWELLING UNIT THAT IS NOT PROVIDED WITH A WORKING SMOKE ALARM!**

## EXITS



- Students should know at least two exit routes from the building, such as doors and windows.
- Hallways and Stairways should be kept free from all obstructions. This includes trash, bicycles, boxes, furniture, etc.



- After determining exit routes, students should practice their escape routes.

## PRACTICE GOOD FIRE SAFETY HABITS



- Avoid overloading electrical outlets. Incorrect or excessive extension cord use, because this is a common cause of fires.
- Never leave the kitchen while cooking. Kitchen fires are one of the leading causes of building fires in the United States.
- Use only approved metal receptacles for disposing of cigarettes.
- Do not use grills or other outdoor cooking devices on decks or balconies.
- Avoid overcrowding of dwelling units.