

# Fire Safety on Campus...

## Questions to Ask

When visiting or selecting a school, make an informed decision and ask these questions when you are visiting campuses...

- **How many fires have occurred on campus in the past year, two years, five years?** How many students have been injured or have any been killed? How much dollar loss have these fires caused? This should be ALL fires, not just those reported as arson.
- **Are residence halls equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system?** If not, why not? Sprinklers provide that vital first line of defense when it comes to controlling a fire.
- **Does every student's room have a smoke alarm?** Does it send a signal to campus security or the fire department? Fire alarm systems will give everyone the warning that there is a fire and it is time to get out.
- **How many false alarms have occurred in the residence halls?** False alarms cause students to stop paying attention to the alarms, which can be a fatal decision. False alarms ARE avoidable.
- **Is the fire department IMMEDIATELY notified whenever ANY fire alarm system is activated?** Some schools investigate the alarm first and then notify the fire department. This delay can put more people at risk. The fire department should automatically be notified of ALL alarms.
- **Are smoking, candles and Halogen lamps prohibited in the residence halls?** Smoking is a leading cause of fires in residence halls.
- **Does the school have policies that electrical appliances and power strips be certified as safe and reliable?** Overloaded power strips can cause fires.
- **How much fire prevention training does the residence hall staff receive?** These people are key components in an effective fire safety program.
- **How often are evacuation drills conducted?** There should be at least one per semester.
- **What is the school's disciplinary policy towards students that cause false alarms or fail to evacuate during an alarm?**
- **Does the school provide fire extinguisher training for the students?**

**Make a fire-safe informed decision when selecting your school!**

**For more information, contact**



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