

Fire Prevention - Five Simple Steps

Fires in apartments or units can endanger the occupant and other people in the building. Follow simple steps to protect everyone.



1. Space Heaters

- Use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed heaters and use them properly.
- Never use heaters with hot surfaces.
- Keep heaters at least 3 feet from combustible material.
- Use only heaters that shut off when tipped over.
- Use only heaters with automatic high temperature shut off.
- Never plug a space heater into a power strip. Only use wall plugs.



2. Electric Panels and Furnaces

- Electric panels can short out and throw sparks. Material stored next to or under electrical panels can catch fire.
- Keep combustible material at least 3 feet from electric panels.
- Keep combustible material at least 3 feet from other heat sources like furnaces and hot water heaters.



3. Power Strips and Extension Cords

- Power strips and extension cords can start fires.
- Use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed power strips and cords.
- Never overload extension cords and strips.
- Replace any damaged power strips or cords.
- Keep combustible material away from power strips.



4. Kitchen and Cooking Range Fires

- Don't leave stoves and ranges unattended with open flames.
- Watch grease closely when frying and do not leave unattended.
- Keep grease, cooking oils, and combustible material at least 3 feet away from range surfaces when in use.



5. Fires

- Don't smoke inside, if possible.
- Never fall asleep with lit cigarettes or material.
- Always use an ash tray.

