Director’s Welcome

September is National Campus Fire Safety Month. The purpose of fire safety is to protect life and property. Fire safety is achieved through the implementation of various programs including the fire safety code and features in building design and construction, fire protection systems such as sprinklers and fire alarms, and fire prevention activities to prevent or reduce the likelihood of a fire. Fire Safety involves many departments, including Campus Planning Design and Construction, Campus Operations and Maintenance, Campus Residences, University Police, as well as Building Managers and individual departments. The success of fire safety on campus requires the awareness and involvement of the entire campus community, including all students, faculty and staff. Thank you for your support.

Gary Kaczmarczyk, Director - Environmental Health & Safety

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Every year college and university students experience a growing number of fire-related emergencies. To help bring attention to this serious concern, September has been designated Campus Fire Safety Month. Fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires, loss of life and destruction of property.

EH&S Fire Marshals have planned a number of events and activities with the Division of Campus Residences to raise awareness about fire safety on campus, and will be conducting live fire demonstrations, fire extinguisher training, fire safety training, and will hold the annual Fire Prevention Day on Wednesday September 15th.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in fire safety program activities throughout the year.

Please see the schedule on the last page of the Newsletter for times and locations of events.

Your Campus Fire Marshals - 24/7

EH&S Fire Marshals provide round-the-clock (24/7) coverage and provide emergency response to fires and other emergencies on campus. The Fire Marshals are experienced firefighters and volunteer in their own communities, some serving as Chief and other officers. Fire Marshals have training in Building and Fire Codes, Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue, CPR and First Aid, and have certifications as NYS Code Enforcement Officials and Hazardous Materials Technicians. Fire Marshals perform inspections and coordinate the Annual Fire Inspection to ensure strict compliance with the NYS Fire and Building Code, provide fire safety training, conduct fire drills, perform inspection and testing of all fire detection and suppression systems, review new construction and renovation plans, implement the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program, and provide support for campus events and activities.
## Fire Safety in Campus Residences

While the University takes every precaution to ensure your safety from fire, there are things that you can do to prevent fires and protect yourself in the event of a fire in your dorm room. Remember these simple Do's and Don'ts.

### To Report a Fire

If you observe a fire or smoke...
1. Call University Police at 631-632-3333 or dial 911 from any campus phone.
2. If the fire alarm is not ringing, activate the nearest fire alarm pull-station.
3. Evacuate the building (see If the Fire Alarm Sounds).

### Prevent False Fire Alarms

When a fire alarm sounds, emergency response plans are activated causing a response by many individuals, including Campus Fire Marshals, University Police, and the local Fire Department. Fire alarms are disruptive, can cause panic and put emergency responders in harms way.

What can you do?
1. Cook safely.
   - Reduce the amount of heat you use to cook.
   - Make sure the exhaust fan above your stove is on and operating.
   - Never leave cooking unattended (see Prevent Cooking Fires).
2. Shower wisely.
   - Limit the use of hot water during showers and the time that you leave hot water running.
   - Give time for steam to dissipate before opening the bathroom door.
3. Style with care.
   - Use hair dryers, flat irons and curling irons in a well ventilated area.
   - Follow safety instructions from the appliance.
4. Do not smoke or use candles in any building.
5. Do not tamper with smoke detectors or other fire alarm equipment.

### If the Fire Alarm Sounds

GET OUT, AND STAY OUT! - Everyone must evacuate.
1. Proceed to the door of your room and check it for heat with the back of your hand.
2. If the door is cool, open it slowly and check the hall for smoke and flames.
3. If no smoke or flames, walk carefully and quickly to the nearest exit.
4. If there is smoke, stay low or crawl on the floor to the nearest exit.
5. Do not use the elevator. Use a fire stairway.
6. Leave the building and do not re-enter until an authorized person says it is safe to do so.
7. If you can not evacuate because of heavy smoke, heat or flames, seek shelter in your room or a fire stairway and call University Police at 631-632-3333 or dial 911 from any campus phone.

### Prevent Cooking Fires

Cooking is only allowed in designated areas.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Don’t wear loose fitting clothing.
- Clean cooking surfaces to prevent grease build-up.
- Keep towels and pot holders away from hot surfaces.
- Turn pan handles inward to prevent accidental spilling.
- Slide a pan lid over flames to smother a grease or oil fire, then turn off the heat and leave the lid in place until the pan cools. Never carry the pan to the sink or outside; you may spread the fire that way.
- Make sure a dry chemical fire extinguisher is located near the cooking area.
- Never use water or flour on grease fires.
- Close the oven door and shut off the heat to smother an oven or broiler fire.

### Fire Safety Tips

- Do not overload outlets with multiple plugs.
- Do not use extension cords.
- Use power strips that have built in circuit breakers.
- Never cover light bulbs with paper or clothing.
- Candles and smoking is not permitted in any building.
- Torchiere-style halogen lamps are strictly forbidden.
- Never bring flammable or other hazardous materials into residence halls.
Common causes of lab fires include:
- Improper storage of flammable liquids.
- Keeping chemicals past the expiration dates.
- Drying out non-anhydrous chemicals.
- Spontaneous combustion (ex.: some solvents on towels will self-ignite in the trash).
- Water reactivity (ex.: sodium).
- Faulty electrical wiring & equipment
- Poor housekeeping.

Follow these tips to keep safe:
- Wear 100% cotton or flame resistant lab coats.
- Do not overload outlets with multiple plugs.
- Do not use extension cords.
- Use power strips that have built in circuit breakers.
- Never cover light bulbs with paper or clothing.
- Have an appropriate fire extinguisher and material suitable for the type of material you work with.
- If your clothing is on fire, remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL. Running will cause the flames to spread and also allows the flames into victim’s face and respiratory tract (cover your face when you ROLL).
- Never use a fire extinguisher on someone who is on fire. Use the emergency shower.
Annual Fire Inspection

The NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) is conducting the 2010 inspection throughout the campus. Your awareness and involvement to prevent and promptly correct any violations is required to assure for the safety of the campus community. Please take some time to go through your own work and living areas to check for these and other hazards.

Blocked exits: Keep exit doors clear.
Material stored in hallways and corridors: Remove all storage from hallways and areas of egress.

Ganged surge suppressors: In place of multiple surge protectors use one surge protector with a long cord plugged directly into an outlet.
Extension cords used a permanent wiring: Remove all extensions cords from devices, such as computers, televisions, refrigerators, etc.

Fire and smoke doors chocked open: Remove all chocks and keep doors closed.
Combustible material accumulation in building: All storage shall be neatly confined to storage cabinets, filing cabinets or on a desk, not stored on the floor.

If you have any questions about this program or any fire safety issue, please contact the Fire Marshals Office at 632-9678. More>> http://www.stonybrook.edu/ehs/fire/annual.shtml

Fire Prevention Day
Wednesday September 15th
Academic Mall - SAC Plaza
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day will include fire extinguisher demonstrations and displays: Fire Safety Trailer, LIRR, State Forest Rangers, Suffolk County Fire Rescue & Emergency Services, Environmental Health & Safety, Campus Residences, University Police, Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance, Fire Marshal Hazmat Trailer, SBU Emergency Management, Fire News, WUSB, Wolfie, Smokey Bear, vendor displays, handouts and give-aways.

Live Fire Demo and Fire Extinguisher Training

Join the Fire Marshals as they show how a fire grows and progresses in a mock residence hall room and conduct live fire extinguisher training.

Monday September 13th
West Apartments, Kelly, Schomburg, Roosevelt & Noble Halls (Near West I)

Tuesday September 14th
Roth, & Tabler Quads
Between Hand College & Dreiser College

Thursday September 16th
Mendelsohn & H-Quads
Next to Gray College

Note: All demonstrations begin at 7:00 PM