

## Fire Safety



Know what you would do in a fire emergency during UCEAP, or while traveling during a break. Fire as a risk or threat in the environment in the U.S. or abroad is always a possibility. Fire safety is a matter of thinking ahead, knowing what to do, and keeping your fear under control. Take a few minutes to learn how to survive a fire! For more information visit [firesafetyfoundation.org](http://firesafetyfoundation.org)



**Know and practice an escape plan.** Have two ways out of every room. Know all exit routes from any location you are in based on your physical capabilities. If you use a walker or wheelchair, check all exits to be sure you get through the doorways



**Regularly inspect your room for fire hazards.**

**Do not ignore fire alarms.** Do not wait to see fire or smoke. Leave immediately and know how to call the local fire department once outside. Do not worry about getting your belongings.



**Make sure you are in a fire-safe environment.** Ask about fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in dorms, apartments, home stays, hotels, etc.



**Purchase and install a battery-operated smoke alarm.** For students who are deaf or hard of hearing, smoke alarms with a vibrating pad or flashing light are available. Make sure it works. Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.



**Choose accommodations that are protected by smoke alarms and fire sprinkler systems, if available.**



**When you enter your room, review an escape plan if posted in your room.** If no escape plan is posted, draw it yourself and practice how you would get out of your room.



**Take time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit.** Make sure exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to management right away.



**Keep your room key by your bed** and take it with you if there is a fire.



**Never use elevators during a fire.**



If you must escape through smoke, **always get low and go under the smoke to your exit.**