

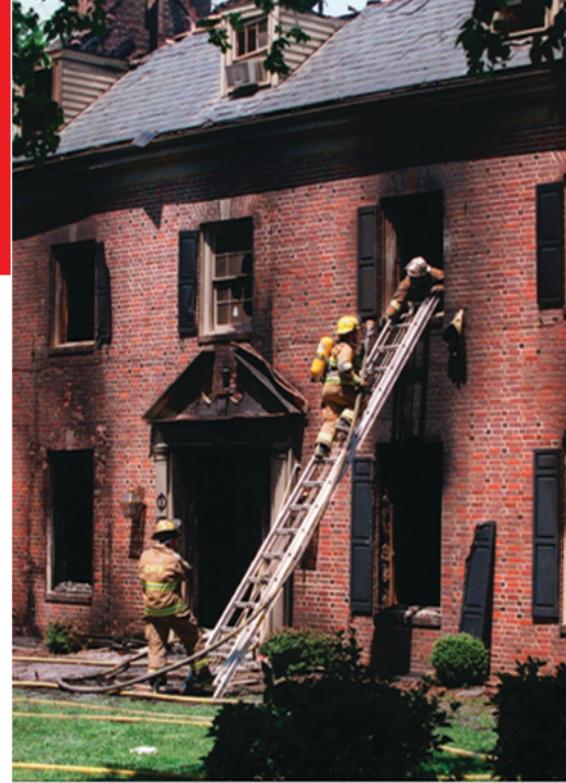
COLLEGE FIRE SAFETY

The College Fire Problem

- More than 3,300 college fires occur per year across the country.
- In the 2007-2008 academic year, 18 people were killed in campus-related fires.
- Since Campus Fire-watch began gathering information in 2000, 135 people have been killed in campus-related fires across the nation.

Factors Contributing to Fires

- Attitudes of students and staff: “It won’t happen to ME!”
- Lack of awareness and knowledge about the real risk of fire
- Lack of basic fire safety training
- Lack of consistency in training for staff & students



“September is National Campus Fire Safety Month.”



For more information on college fire safety, go to:
www.campusfiresafety.org.

Other Factors

- Alcohol a strong factor in fire deaths on college campuses
- Careless cooking
- Careless smoking
- Arson
- Misuse of candles, incense, space heaters, etc.
- Misuse of cooking appliances, overloaded electrical circuits and extension cords increase the risk of fires
- Improper use of 911 notification systems = delayed emergency response
- Evacuation efforts hindered since fire alarms are often ignored
- Building evacuations delayed due to lack of preparation and planning
- Vandalized and improperly maintained smoke alarms and fire alarm systems inhibit early detection of fires.



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