



LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

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Dear Loyola Students,

I would like to welcome you to Loyola University Maryland. The department of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) would like to take this opportunity to talk to you about fire safety on campus.

1. Fire Alarms – Fire alarms occur frequently, and knowing what to do when they sound is an important part of fire safety. When the alarm sounds you should:
 - a. Grab clothes that are appropriate for the weather outside and exit the building using the stairs.
 - b. Go to the rally point designated for your building. If you are not sure where to go, ask your RA or click on the [link](#) to view the rally point maps on our website.
 - c. Wait until campus police have given you the “All Clear” to go back in.
2. Fire Drills - The College Fire Safety Act requires us to conduct mandatory supervised fire drills twice a year. We will conduct a fire drill in every residence hall during each semester.
3. Cooking - Most of the alarms on campus are caused by students cooking. On average, 77% of all alarms are cooking related. Some things you can do to reduce cooking related alarms are:
 - a. Never leave cooking food unattended
 - b. Set a timer so you don't forget
 - c. Do not cook if you are tired or are otherwise impaired
 - d. Follow the directions on the package
4. Prohibited Items – For a full list of prohibited items, please click on the [link](#) to view the community standards guide. The most frequently encountered prohibited items on campus are listed below.
 - a. Candles
 - b. Incense
 - c. Halogen floor lamps

A fire at Seton Hall University in January 2000 injured 58 students and killed 3 others because they failed to evacuate; students thought it was “just another false alarm.” This is why it is important to take each fire alarm seriously, get out of the building as quickly and safely as possible, and then proceed to the rally point.

If you have any questions or would like more information on fire safety at Loyola, please feel free to contact our Chief Fire Safety Officer at 410-617-2972 or by email at cnreynolds@loyola.edu.

Sincerely,

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