

## ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN RESIDENCE HALLS

This list is subject to changes/additions. If an unauthorized item is found, it will be confiscated and WILL NOT be returned. Cooking is permitted only in residence halls/houses with kitchens. View list on website: <http://reslife.cofc.edu/>

- Candles/incense - nothing with an open flame
- Cappuccino/espresso machines
- Cooking appliances/machines with open coils
- Electric blankets
- Explosives/fireworks
- Grills (charcoal, propane, George Foreman-type)
- Halogen lamps
- Hot plates
- Lighter fluid or other combustible items
- Mini-lights (halogen)
- Multi-plug outlet (without surge protector)
- Open coil water/coffee warmers
- Rice cookers
- Space heaters
- Toaster/toaster ovens
- Woks

## POLICIES REGARDING FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Fire safety education and training is addressed in multiple ways. First, fire safety is promoted during new student orientation sessions. Further, in accordance with National Fire Protection Association requirements, four fire drills are held in the residence halls throughout the academic year. This consists of one (1) night time drill, one (1) unannounced drill and two (2) other drills conducted at various times throughout the academic school year. The first fire drill is scheduled in the first 10 days of the fall semester to acquaint new residents with the sound of the building alarm and evacuation procedures. A mandatory hall meeting with students is held within the first week of the fall semester to present fire safety tips, review evacuation procedures, and to explain the importance of complying with these procedures. Additionally, educational sessions for Residence Life and Housing live-in staff, including residence hall assistants, are held prior to fall semester. These sessions focus on procedures for building evacuation and the proper operation of fire extinguishers. A fire simulation exercise is conducted as part of training to provide exposure to the dynamics involved in a fire and to evaluate the proficiency of all involved.

### Plans for Future Improvements

The College regularly monitors and continues to enhance fire systems in its housing facilities and other buildings as necessary. For example, the College plans to install fire sprinkler systems in the remaining Residence Halls and historic houses that currently do not have them. The College also plans to install or upgrade monitored fire alarms systems in its student housing facilities.

## FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT AND FIRE STATISTICS IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Federal law requires that the College annually disclose statistical data on all fires that occur in on-campus student housing facilities for the calendar year. For all past fires, campus community members must contact the College of Charleston Public Safety Dispatch at 843.953.5609 to report fires that the College may not be aware of so that the College may include them in the Fire Safety Report.