

FIRE SAFETY

REMINDERS + TIPS



Every 15 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the United States. By paying careful attention to these issues, each of us can share the responsibility of keeping our homes safe from fire.

Smoke-free Community

Eagan Heights Apartments is a completely smoke-free community. This means that no smoking of any kind is allowed in common areas of the building and community, nor is smoking allowed in your apartment or patio/balcony. We hope this policy will help everyone breathe easier and provide a healthier living space.

Cooking Safety

- In the United States, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Over a third of all fires in multi-residential buildings start in the kitchen.
- Do not leave cooking unattended on the stove.
- Keep the stove and oven clean. Do not allow grease to build up.
- If a fire starts in a pan, turn off the stove and carefully cover the pan with a lid or another pan. **DO NOT** throw water on the fire.
- Keep items that can catch fire – such as dish towels and paper or plastic bags – at least three feet away from the stovetop.
- Keep children and pets away from the stove while cooking and keep your loose fitting clothing away from hot burners.



Heating Safety

- Fires caused by furniture, bedding, and other materials placed too close to portable heaters are the most common types of heating-related residential fires. The use of portable heaters is not advised. Please call the Rental Office if you're not getting sufficient heat.
- Never use the stove or oven to heat your home.

Clothes Dryer Safety

- Each year there are around 12,700 clothes dryer fires in residential buildings in the U.S. Failure to clean the lint screen is the leading factor contributing to clothes dryer fires in apartment buildings.
- Always remove lint from the trap before using the clothes dryer.
- Never put rubber, plastic, foam, or any materials that made contact with flammable liquids in the dryer even if previously washed.
- Never leave the dryer running while sleeping or out of the home.

Candle Safety

- The most common mistake people make when using candles is placing them near combustible materials (such as paper, clothing, and bedding).
- Always keep burning candles in sight. Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or before going to sleep.
- Always use a candleholder specifically designed for candle use. The holder should be heat resistant, sturdy, and large enough to contain any drips of melted wax.
- Place lighted candles where they won't be knocked over by children, pets, or anyone else.
- For safety reasons, the use of candles is not advised. Battery-operated candles are a safe option.



Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors can save lives! A combination smoke and carbon monoxide detector(s) has been installed in your home to alert you in case of a fire or CO leak.

It is possible for a detector to start to malfunction due to a low battery or other reason. When this happens, the detector will beep and notify you of the problem regularly. If this occurs, call the Rental Office to have it replaced. For safety reasons, never remove the detector from the ceiling.

The smoke detector(s) are hardwired into the electrical system in your apartment. Some detectors have a battery backup in them as well and the battery must be replaced approximately once a year.

Fire Suppression System Heads

In the event of a fire, the fire suppression heads located in the ceiling or walls of your home will emit a large amount of water, potentially saving lives and property.

- Use caution when moving furniture, etc. to avoid hitting or damaging the head.
- Should you notice leakage or discoloration around the head, contact the Rental Office immediately.