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Install smoke alarms on every level and ensure that they are working at all times.

Know two ways out, no matter where you are — a residence hall, your house or apartment, a restaurant or a movie theater.

If a smoke alarm is being activated needlessly, such as by cooking or steam from a shower, move the alarm rather than disable it.

Properly dispose of smoking material by using ashtrays.

After parties, check the cushions on couches and chairs to make sure there aren't any lit cigarettes smoldering.

Learn how to use a fire extinguisher BEFORE a fire breaks out.

Use extension cords and electrical appliances properly.