Fire risks can be found everywhere, including in the dorms. Stoves, ovens, deep fryers, candles and even electricity sockets can easily become fire hazards if used unsafely.

Although fires in the dorm are rare, it is important to be careful. Fire is unpredictable and can quickly pose a very stressful situation. It is therefore important to know how to act in order to protect both yourself and your dormmates.

**SOME USEFUL TIPS**

- Study the evacuation plan and know where the emergency exits are
- Keep the emergency exits clear
- Know where the fire alarm button is
- Know where the fire equipment (fire blanket, fire extinguisher, fire hose) is
- Know when the fire drills are scheduled to take place and actively take part in them
- Don't manipulate the smoke detector

**WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF FIRE?**

- Stay calm
- Leave the room and close the door behind you
- Push the fire alarm button
- Take the shortest way to go outside and do not use the elevator
- Are you trying to extinguish the fire yourself? Do not take unnecessary risks and keep it to max. one attempt
- Go to the designated gathering place and do not go back inside
- Call the emergency campus number and tell your name, location and whether there are still people inside. Security is in direct contact with the nearest emergency services

- Do not go back inside until you have received the all-clear from the emergency services or security

**VRAGEN?**

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Do not leave the stove unattended. Make sure not to leave anything lying on the stove.

Keep the escape routes clear. Do not place anything in front of the emergency exit doors.

Do not hang any clothes over the heater.

Always be careful with candles. Do not leave them unattended and keep them away from flammable objects.

Do not leave your lamps or electrical appliances on when you leave. Do not connect multiple extension cords.

Be careful with halogen lamps and spot lights. Keep them away from flammable objects.

It is forbidden to smoke in the rooms and common areas.

Take your food out of the microwave or oven on time.

Do not leave the stove unattended. Make sure not to leave anything lying on the stove.

Keep your dorm fireproof!

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