



Campus Safety Spotlight

Practical Tips to Help You Keep Yourself, Your Co-workers and Your Campus Safe, Healthy and Secure

Building a Fire-Smart Workplace



What's Wrong with These Pictures?

Be sure you and your co-workers are taking the right steps in keeping your workplace safe from fire. Don't let these types of mistakes result in injury or property damage:

1. **Exit path is blocked.** This jumble of material will impede an evacuation in the event of fire. Consult with Environmental Health and Safety if you have questions regarding specific items, such as eyewash stations that may be permitted in corridors. Otherwise, all corridors should be kept clear of all stored materials including boxes, furniture, etc.
2. **Fire extinguisher is blocked.** All fire extinguishers must have clear signage and be easily accessible. Refer to the Emergency Preparedness web site for dates and times of fire extinguisher training.
3. **Fire door is propped open.** Hot toxic smoke and fire will quickly spread from one area of a building to another if fire doors are not kept closed. In this picture, the extinguisher is used to prop open the door instead of being located in its proper place. Always fully close and latch doors when a room is not in use.

Do not disable safety systems designed to protect you, such as taping over fire sprinklers or propping open fire doors.

Stay current on new fire prevention information, advisories and training opportunities. One great resource is NFPA.org.

Keep corridors and fire exits clear of all storage and other obstacles so everyone can evacuate safely and firefighters can get in without delay.

For more information on fire safety –
Please contact Environmental Health and Safety at 898-5126.