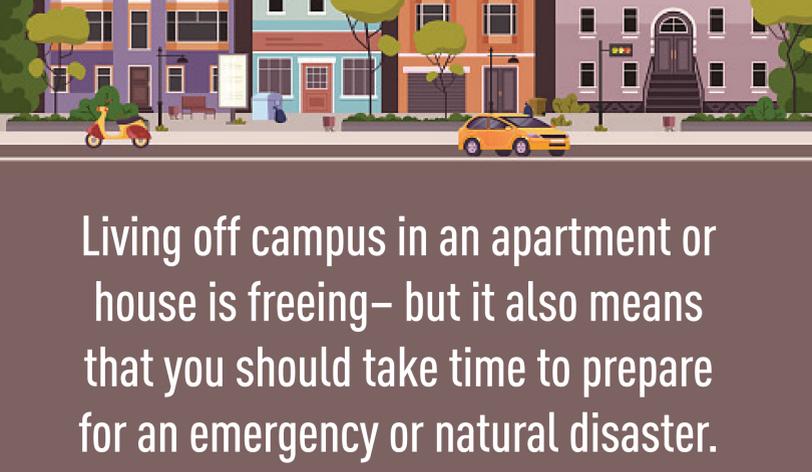


BE EMERGENCY-READY WHILE LIVING OFF CAMPUS



Living off campus in an apartment or house is freeing— but it also means that you should take time to prepare for an emergency or natural disaster.

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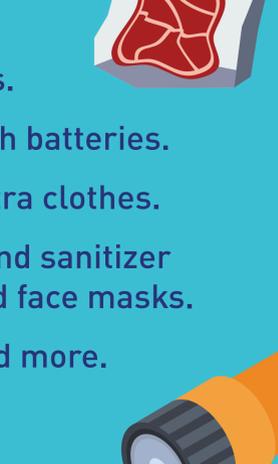
- **Signing up for campus alerts** and your local county emergency alert system if they have one.
- **Join Nixle Alerts**, which will also alert you to emergencies in your area.
- **Learning what dangers exist** in the area you live in.



PREPARATION AND KNOWLEDGE ARE KEY!

Assemble an emergency kit that can be used should you need to evacuate your home quickly. It should have:

- 3-5 days of water and non-perishable food like:
 - Snack bars.
 - Dried fruit.
 - Canned soups and stews.
 - Jerky or other dehydrated meats.
- A flashlight and fresh batteries.



- Extra clothes.
- Hand sanitizer and face masks.
- And more.

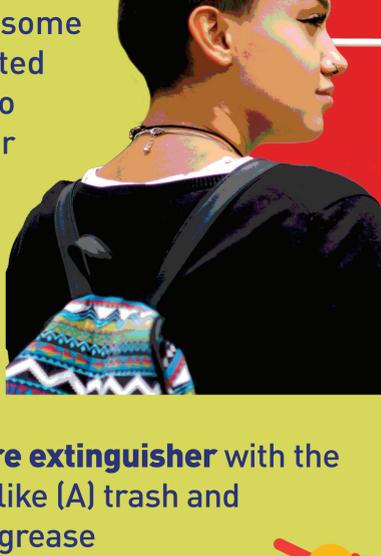


Plan at least two emergency exit routes from your off-campus residence and practice with all your roommates, and pets if you have any.

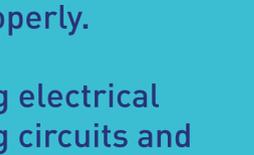
Find out if your elevator will work during a power outage, as some may maintain limited emergency use. Do not use an elevator during a fire, opt for the emergency exits instead.

Make sure that your house or apartment is equipped with a fire extinguisher with the appropriate grade like (A) trash and wood, (B) liquid or grease or (C) electrical equipment, and make sure it is the correct size for the location.

- Be sure to check extinguisher gauges monthly to make sure they stay charged.

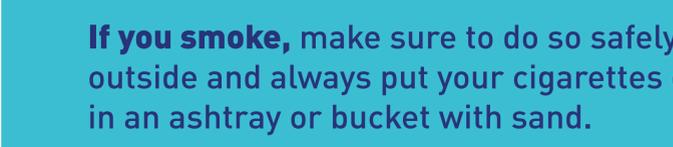


FIRE EXTINGUISHER RATING



Check fire and carbon monoxide detectors and test if they are working properly.

During a power outage, unplug electrical appliances to avoid overloading circuits and to prevent fires.



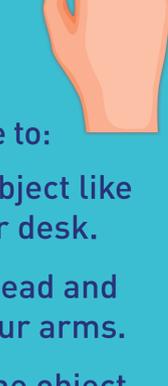
If you smoke, make sure to do so safely outside and always put your cigarettes out in an ashtray or bucket with sand.

GET READY TO ACT!

- **If you need to evacuate** remain calm and go to a safe location or low-risk area.
 - If you will not be returning home, notify family and friends of your location.

- **Follow the news and social media** and always evacuate if told to do so by authorities.

- Remember to always **check on your housemates and neighbors** who may need extra assistance during an emergency situation.



- **During an earthquake** make sure to:

- Drop and go under a sturdy object like a strong table or desk.
- Cover your head and neck with your arms.
- Hold on to the object that is shielding you from falling objects.



To learn more ways to stay safe off campus, visit readyforwildfire.org.