Office of Fire Prevention and Control

Campus Fire Safety Bulletin

Prevention Through Education

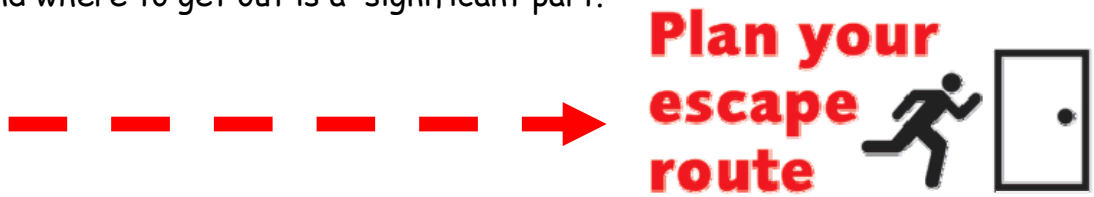
Know Two Ways Out

One of the most basic fire survival skills is knowing how to get out of wherever you may be. Studies have repeatedly demonstrated that the vast majority of people will attempt to exit a building through the door they are most familiar with and routinely use - even when other exits may be closer or a better choice.

State fire inspectors often ask people during an inspection "How would you get out if your primary exit was not available?" and the answer is all to often, "I don't know."

Take a minute right now to locate and familiarize yourself with a second (and third) exit from wherever you are. It could be time well spent.

Each of us shares in the responsibility for our personal safety. Learning how and where to get out is a significant part.



§F406.3.2 Evacuation training. Employees shall be familiarized with the fire alarm and evacuation signals, their assigned duties in the event of an alarm or emergency, evacuation routes, areas of refuge, exterior assembly areas, and procedures for evacuation.

Where is your second exit?

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