



# CAMPUS FIRE FACTS

## Getting Ready for Students

As students begin the fall season, publishing Fire Facts can be helpful to both students and parents. To download this and other "Fire Facts" in a printable form visit the CCFS Resource Center: <http://www.campusfiresafety.org/Resources>

## Setting up your new living space

### Bathroom

- Keep space heaters, radios and other electrical products away from bathtubs and sinks.
- Keep your medications, cleaning products and other poisons in a safe place.
- Make sure that you have ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets installed in the bathroom as well as in the kitchen.

### Kitchen

- Store all portable and small appliances and their cords away from the sink.
- Keep all portable and countertop appliances unplugged when not in use.
- Never use or attempt to repair a damaged appliance.
- Make sure this area has UL Listed smoke detectors and fully charged UL Listed fire extinguishers strategically placed in the kitchen.

### Sleeping Rooms

- Make sure there are UL Listed smoke detectors and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms outside your sleeping area and (if applicable) near fuel-burning appliances.

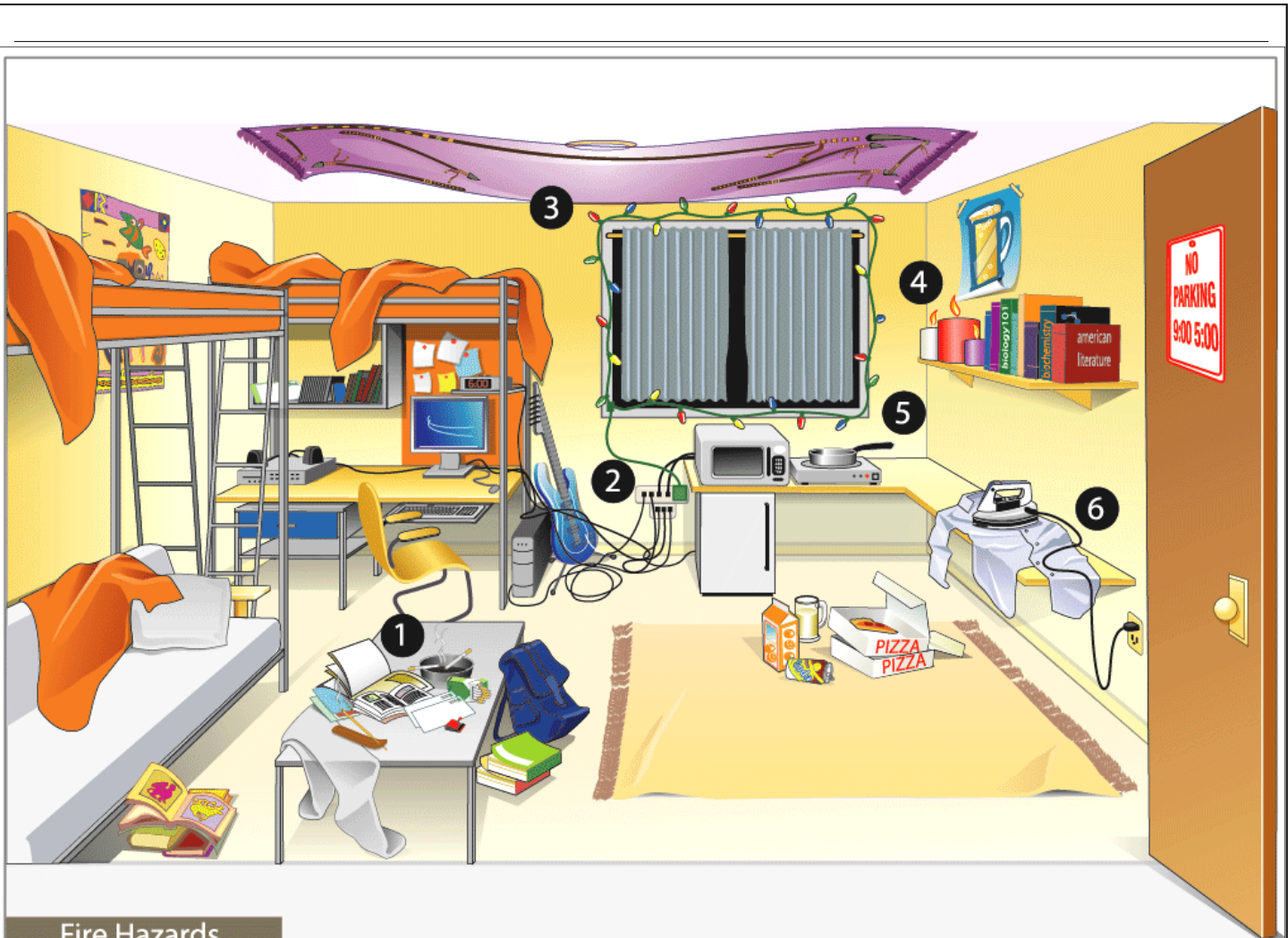
- Do not allow curtains or other combustible materials to come in contact with heating devices or lamps at any time.

### Living/Social Area

- Never run an electrical cord under a rug or carpet, or drape it over a hot surface such as that of a radiator or space heater.
- Make sure all portable lamps and fixtures are equipped with light bulbs of equal or lesser wattage than that recommended by the lamp or fixture manufacturer.
- Unplug all extension cords when not in use and never use an extension cord that is cut or damaged.

### Clothes Dryers

- Clean the lint filter before or after each load. Do not forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can be trapped.
- The interior of the dryer and venting system should be cleaned periodically by qualified service personnel. If you notice the drying time is longer, report this to the building manager or your landlord as maintenance may be in order.
- Do not dry clothing or fabric upon which there is anything flammable (e.g. alcohol, cooking oils, gasoline, spot removers, dry-cleaning solvents). Flammable substances give off vapors that could ignite or explode.
- Make sure to read the warning markings that can usually be found on the inside of the dryer's lid.



### Fire Hazards

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Placing lit smoking materials or incense near flammable items (paper, clothing, etc.)</li> <li>2. Overloading electrical outlets</li> <li>3. Covering lights with curtains or tapestries</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Lighting candles near flammable decorations</li> <li>5. Leaving cooking food unattended</li> <li>6. Ironing on flammable surfaces</li> </ol> |
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