**FIRE SAFETY**

- Be sure smoke detectors are in proper working condition.
- Never ignore a fire alarm. Evacuate immediately.
- Have an escape plan. Know where the fire exits are & have two escape routes from each room.
- Do not overload electrical outlets.
- Do not leave food unattended on the stove or microwave.
- Extinguish candles & incense when unattended. Never place candles near curtains, posters or anything flammable.
- Keep flammable materials at least 3 feet away from water heaters, furnaces, & other flame sources.
- Do not run your clothes dryer without a lint filter; clean the filter between every use.

The New York State Fire Code requires smoke detectors must be installed & working. It is the landlord’s responsibility to install these devices, but the tenant must make sure the devices are tested. You should also know how to replace the batteries.

**SAFETY FIRST**

Burglars can strike at any time. They are always on the lookout for open & unlocked doors both at home & in your vehicle. The best way to minimize your chances of becoming a victim is to take precautions. The following tips are designed to help you reduce your chances of becoming a crime victim.

**IN YOUR APARTMENT**

- Keep your doors locked at all times. This is especially important when you are alone or sleeping and when the apartment is unoccupied.
- Determine who is on the other side of the door before opening it.
- Have blinds or curtains on your windows to discourage window peepers.
- Be sure all outdoor lighting fixtures are in working condition. Turn on your porch light every night to make sidewalks more visible.

Dwellings that are poorly maintained and obscured by landscaping are the most attractive to burglars.

**IN YOUR VEHICLE**

- Have your keys ready when you approach your car.
- Remove all valuable items from inside your vehicle & place them in the trunk & lock all doors.
- Park in an area where your vehicle can be easily seen & call 911 if you witness any suspicious activity.
- Remove all spare change from view.

**ON THE STREET**

- Avoid walking alone and walk facing traffic.
- Use well-lit & well-traveled routes; try to avoid alleys.
- If you think someone is following you, change directions several times & head toward bright lights & people. Go to a public place or police station. Do not go home.
- Try to use ATM machines during the day time.

Living off campus means being more responsible for your safety and the safety of others. Make sure you know your responsibilities as a tenant and what your landlord must do regarding protection.

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