

## FIRE SAFETY INFO BULLETIN

CAMPUS SAFETY CAMPAIGN: Alcohol & Fire Safety

If a fire should occur...



Stay Out



STAY SAFE
ON CAMPUS!

FACTS ...

Alcohol impairs judgment, slows reaction times and affects coordination!



Consumption of

alcohol or other drugs lowers the probability of quick and logical evacuation and often is a contributing factor of the cause of the fire.

Alcohol impairment has been found to greatly increase the probability of death from fire.

A study conducted by the Fire Protection Research Foundation of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) showed the effectiveness of emergency alarms decreased when individuals were alcohol impaired and asleep. Since the 1970s, smoke alarms have decreased fire deaths by 50%.

"Being alerted to an emergency is a vital first step in being able to survive it."
"Waking Effectiveness of Alarms for the Alcohol Impaired"
www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Research/alcohol&alarmsreport.pdf

The US Surgeon General recognizes the need for alcohol awareness and change of behavior established a national goal to reduce college binge drinking by 50% as part of the "Goals for the Nation" for the year 2010.





The US Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention www.higheredcenter.org is dedicated to addressing these topics to help campuses and communities identify effective strategies and programs based on the best prevention science using a combination of education and environmental management.

According to a study by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, "... drinking by college students age 18-24 contributes to an estimated 1,700 deaths, over half a million unintentional injuries, 700,000 assaults and 97,000 sexual assaults EACH YEAR."

Reference: www.niaaa.nih.gov

DON'T TAKE THE CHANCE!



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