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Spotlighting on Fire Prevention....

Laptop Fire Danger in College Dorms



When laptops are placed on beds, the batteries can overheat and catch blankets and comforters on fire. It is not recommended to have laptops on a bed for 16 to 18 hours a day. If you're not using your laptop, turn it off or put it on sleep mode. The safest place to store a laptop is on a desk clear from paper and other potential fire hazards. Laptops without recalled batteries are most common for laptop fires, especially

when operating on soft bedding. Students should always have proper ventilation for their laptops. The best surface for laptop ventilation is a hard surface so air can naturally cool the machine. Students may also want to purchase fans to cool their machine.



What Motivates an Arsonist?

Research on people who intentionally start fires find common characteristics which help investigators develop an arsonist profile. Suspects are likely to be male, white, usually young (teens-20's), with below average intelligence. They often have a prior criminal history, are considered "a loner," come from a non-intact family and have difficulty in establishing normal social relationships. Authorities have categorized five main arson motives:

- 1 **Revenge.** The revengeful arsonist may be a feuding neighbor, disgruntled employee, jilted lover, quarreling spouse, or a person with racial or religious hostility who sets fires as a passive/aggressive response to uncontrolled anger. The fire is set to "spite" a person or targeted place; *there must be some personal connection to the arsonist.*
- 2 **Financial profit or material gain.** Less emotionally or psychologically motivated, this type of arsonist is essentially a fraud criminal seeking personal gain. Rational, detached, highly organized, and usually successful in achieving a high level of damage or complete destruction of property, this arsonist is easier to catch as the premeditated action often involves a paper trail or other clues, e.g. evidence of financial hardship, over-insurance, and prior removal of items from the scene.
- 3 **Thrill-seeking or vandalism.**
- 4 **Concealment of a Crime**
- 5 **The Pyromaniac.**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"The safest risk is the one you didn't take"

-Author Unknown

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Neighbors Linked by their Wildfire Risk

If one home is inadequately prepared, the risk level to the entire neighborhood increases, and everyone's safety is impacted. Since 2002, the **Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Program** has empowered 1,200 neighbor coalitions to work together to develop an action plan and five-step process to encourage their neighbors to become active participants in building a safer place to live. Learn more at <http://www.fireadapted.org/>





Fire Education Resources



⇒ **A Red Cross App that Helps Kids Stay Safe:** “Monster Guard” is the first mobile app created by the American Red Cross that’s designed specifically for kids. Monsters, including “Maya,” “Chad,” and “Olivia” teach kids (aged 7-11) about how to prepare for real-life emergencies at home, plus other environments, in a fun and engaging game. Sponsored by Disney, the free app is available to download on iOS and Android mobile and tablet devices: [Monster Guard: Prepare for Emergencies mobile game](#).

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⇒ **UW Fire Policy Updated:** The UW Rules Coordination Office announced that the newly revised Administrative Policy Statement on Fire Safety [APS 16.1](#), received its final approval and went into effect on August 10, 2016. The fire safety policy has now been published in the [Administrative Policy Statements](#) resource on the [UW Policy Directory](#) website.



Mark Your Calendars for H&S Events

Wednesday, September 21st, 2016 - UW Police SafeCampus Training Session , 1:00-2:30 PM, in Health Sciences room T-625 - The University of Washington Police Department will be offering a SafeCampus training session. All Dentistry students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend. To register go to: <http://calendar.washington.edu/120379793/SafeCampusViolencePreventionandResponseTraining>

Saturday, October 8, 2016 - Fire Day at MOHAI, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. **October is Fire Safety Month!** The Museum of Science and Industry team up with the Seattle Fire Department for a free public education event featuring firefighter story times, hands-on safety activities, fire engines, crafts and more! To print out a copy of the poster for your family or child’s classroom go to: <http://www.seattle.gov/fire/pubEd/SeattleFireDay.pdf>



Take the kids for a FREE, fun, hands-on fire safety event at MOHAI!



Did You Know?

- **TOP 5 Causes of house fires by rank:** 1) Cooking fires 2) Electrical system 3) Cause Unknown 4) Appliances 5) Wood burning fire places.
- **10 YEAR LIMIT:** Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarm. Remove the alarm from ceiling or wall and check the back for the date of manufacturer. If the alarm is **10 years or older**, replace it.
- **IMPROVED LED CANDLES:** A candle typically burns at 1800 Fahrenheit (1000 degrees Celsius). If you’ve been resistant to switching over to the safer battery-operated electric LED candles because you like the ambience of real flame, you may want to read this Wiki review, **Top 10 LED Candles 2016**. A variety of features including bottom to top wax fade, use of real wax, moving wicks, scents, built-in timers and remote control are reviewed. <https://wiki.ezvid.com/best-led-candles?id=bng>



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