

## **Fire Safety Plan**

- 1. Develop a plan, including the following:
  - A. Call Fire Department
  - B. Evacuation Routes
  - C. Meeting Fire Department to debrief them on situation
  - D. Provide help on missing members and possible locations of members
  - E. Develop salvage plan for the house
  - F. Develop security plan if house can't be saved
- 2. Chapter house should maintain emergency exits, fire escapes and fire doors clear of storage and ready for emergencies
- 3. Evacuation routes should be posted clearly throughout the chapter house
- 4. Emergency numbers should be posted clearly at every house phone
- 5. Fire extinguishers should be posted at every floor
- 6. Smoke alarms and fire detectors should be located around the house and in all individual sleeping rooms
- 7. Fines should be levied for doors being propped open or fire equipment being used improperly
- 8. No smoking. Smoking should not be allowed in the chapter facility because it is the leading cause of fires. If it is permitted, ensure that there are plenty of large, deep ashtrays
- 9. No space heaters. Space heaters are a leading cause of fires in fraternity houses.

## Fire Safety Program

- 1. Have a meeting
  - a. Discuss plans for evacuation
  - b. Show where extinguishers located along with emergency numbers
- 2. Designate a Fire Marshall
  - a. Assign someone task of make sure preliminary procedures are in place and members are educated
- 3. Require Support
  - a. This may include having an expert come in and educate members or simply having the designated fire marshal research the proper techniques of fire safety and present them to the chapter
- 4. Inspect the house
  - a. Make sure house is prepared in case of fire and that detectors work and sprinklers are not blocked or obstructed
- 5. Fix the problems
  - a. Make sure that all problems are addressed immediately
- Follow Up
  - a. Check on house every 3 months to see that equipment is still up to date