

Being a Successful Tenant

Tenant Safety & Emergency Preparedness

Tips for Staying Safe:

- Keep hallways, stairways, and around the building clear.
Never store items or put trash in these areas.
This helps prevent falls, fires and other safety problems.
- Take the trash out often. Trash that piles up can be a health and fire hazard and can attract pests.
- Clean your living areas often to prevent mold, pests and sickness.
- Be careful with potential poisons; including cleaning products and medicines. Follow instructions for safe storage and keep them away from children's reach.
- Do not keep flammable liquids like gasoline and paint thinners in your home.
- Avoid using portable heaters.
- Maintain working batteries in smoke and carbon dioxide alarms.
- Use appliances only as they are intended.
- Do not let children use appliances without adult supervision.
- Be careful with electrical cords. Replace cracked or frayed cords right away. Keep cords out of walkways, avoid using extension cords and always use surge protectors.
- Alert your landlord if you suspect plumbing leaks or electrical problems.
- Do not smoke indoors. Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Keep outside doors and windows locked and don't leave spare keys on the premises.
- Don't allow drug use in your home. Report suspected drug use to the landlord or property manager.

Preparing for Emergencies:

It is important to make sure that the entire family is prepared and informed in the event of a disaster or emergency. You may not always be together when these events take place and should have plans for making sure you are able to contact and find one another.

The **American Red Cross** 801-323-7000 has an emergency preparedness checklist which includes:

- Know which disasters are most likely to occur where you live.
- Have a family disaster plan.
- Have an emergency preparedness kit.

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