



# FIRE SAFETY BULLETIN

## AVOID FALSE FIRE ALARMS

These everyday activities are common causes of unnecessary alarms:

- Unattended cooking
- Using aerosols close to detectors (hairspray, body spray, etc.)
- Steam in proximity to detectors (showers, humidifiers, etc.)

These **prohibited** activities can also cause false alarms:

- Burning candles or incense
- Smoking or vaping



Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fire alarms in on-campus housing.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. All fire alarms are investigated by CUIMC Fire Safety. If a student is involved, the Office of Housing Services will arrange a meeting. Multiple alarms could jeopardize your on-campus housing.
2. Tampering with a smoke alarm is **strictly prohibited** at Columbia University and is a violation of NYC Fire Code. Tampering with a smoke alarm or any other fire alarm system device may jeopardize your housing privileges and result in serious penalties imposed by the Fire Department.

**In an emergency, call Public Safety at 212-305-7979 and call 911.**