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### **September is Campus Fire Safety Month**

(Anchorage, Ak) Governor Sean Parnell joins thirty governors around the country in proclaiming September 2011 as Campus Fire Safety Month. As College students return to school and move into their homes away from home, it is important for them to ensure their living quarters are fire safe.

Alaska State Fire Marshal David Tyler reminds Alaskans that whether you are living on or off campus, in state or out of state, fire safety is your responsibility. Parents and students can ensure a safe learning environment by focusing on a few simple safety tips:

#### **On Campus Living**

- Check with housing office to see what fire safety measures are in place.
- Review and practice fire escape plan.
- Make sure your room has a working UL- listed smoke alarm.
- Keep a UL rated multipurpose fire extinguisher within reach.
- If your hall has fuel-burning appliances check to ensure it also has a working Carbon Monoxide alarm installed.

#### **Off Campus Living**

- Make sure there are working UL- listed smoke alarms in every room as well as the hallways, stairwells and other areas of the building.
- Test smoke alarms monthly, and replace batteries at least twice a year unless long life lithium batteries are in use
- Keep a UL- rated multipurpose fire extinguisher within reach.
- Know two ways out of every room. If you are on the second or third floor you should have a fire escape ladder to exit windows.
- Keep candles away from flammable items and do not leave unattended, consider flameless candles.
- Don't overload electrical circuits.
- Don't leave cooking unattended.
- Install working Carbon Monoxide alarm on each floor.

For more information on Campus Fire Safety Month go to [www.campusfiresafey.org](http://www.campusfiresafey.org) .

Tyler adds, "Fire safe behavior can keep a fire from starting. Working smoke alarms, planning and practicing your fire escape plan and adding residential fire suppression sprinklers can ensure your family's safety in case of a fire."

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