Tampering with the detector includes but is not limited to removing it from the ceiling, twisting it to loosen it, or covering it with anything. If you have tampered with any fire equipment, including your detector, you will be charged for the labor and materials to repair, replace, or reinstall what has been tampered with. You will also be referred to our Judicial Office for violating the Student Conduct Code. The fire equipment is provided for the safety of each of our residents. Tampering with life safety equipment, such as smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors, is a very serious violation. As such, sanctions may include immediate removal from the apartments.

Fire Safety Tips

- Candles are strictly prohibited in the apartments. Electric candles are a safe and beautiful alternative.

- Never store flammable liquids on University property, inside or outside of your apartment. These include items such as gasoline, lighter fluid, charcoal, motor oil, antifreeze and propane.

- Many fires begin in the kitchen. Never leave food cooking unattended. Be extremely careful when cooking with hot oil.

To call the Maintenance Center: 573-882-7211.
After hours and on weekends, call MUPD: 573-882-7201.

Always dial 911 in an emergency

If there is a fire in your apartment, your building or your community, your first call should be 911. This will connect you with a dispatcher who will get some general information from you to relay to the fire department. When talking with the dispatcher, it is important to remain calm, speak clearly and stay on the line until the dispatcher hangs up.
Each apartment in your community is equipped with an alarm that detects both smoke and carbon monoxide.

**Fire**
If you hear three long beeps followed by a voice message indicating fire, a fire has been detected in your apartment, and the red light will flash. If this happens, you should use your judgment on how to best handle the situation. This can be anything from fanning the smoke out of your apartment (if it is limited to a smoke-inducing but non-threatening situation) to calling 911 and evacuating the apartment.

**Carbon Monoxide**
If carbon monoxide is detected, you will hear four short beeps followed by a voice message indicating carbon monoxide, and the red light will flash. If this happens, you should open your windows. If you feel safe doing so, evacuate the apartment and contact maintenance or emergency maintenance from a safe location such as a neighbor’s apartment.

**Testing**
You should test your alarm weekly. To do this, you will push the large center button. Due to the loudness of the alarm, you should always stand an arm’s length away from the unit when testing. After pushing the button, you will hear a series of beeps followed by a fire warning, another two series of beeps followed by a carbon monoxide warning, and an additional four short beeps. If there are any problems with your alarm, such as the test function not performing as indicated or if the unit begins to “chirp,” you should contact the Maintenance Center. Our staff will inspect and change the battery in your detector semi-annually.