

Fire Safety Penalties & Fines

- All penalties and fines for prohibited conduct are at the discretion of the Director of Student Conduct
- All penalties and fines for prohibited items are at the discretion of Residence Life (see Prohibited Items List)

Prohibited Conduct #10c Violation: *Activating a fire alarm due to the use of a prohibited item or disregard of a published policy.*

- Inadvertent fire alarm activation due to cooking, hair dryers, or steam from the shower

1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal letter of warning from College Official. • Completion of Fire Safety reflection assignment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 fine. • 5 hours community restitution. • Possible Probation. • Meeting with College Official/Administrator. • If due to cooking, may be moved to non-cooking facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential fine up to \$250. • Probation. • Possible suspension of residence privilege for remainder of current academic year.

- Inadvertent fire alarm activation due to use of a prohibited item or disregard for published policy
- Use of cooking appliances outside of a kitchen
- Smoking of any substance inside any building or residence hall on campus (includes the evidence of smoking, including but not limited to, ash and/or butts in the window)
- Use of candles or incense
- Blocking means of egress

1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 fine. • Completion of Fire Safety reflection assignment. • Possible Disciplinary probation. • Removal of violation by student or College Official (if applicable)* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential fine up to \$250. • Disciplinary probation. • Possible suspension of residence privilege for remainder of current academic year. • Meeting with College Official/Administrator. • Removal of violation by student or College Official (if applicable).* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential fine up to \$500. • Suspension of residence privilege for remainder of current academic year. • Possible suspension.

Prohibited Conduct #10b Violation: *Failure and/or refusal to immediately evacuate from buildings and /or endangered areas or to follow instructions during a fire alarm.*

1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100 fine. • Completion of Fire Safety reflection assignment. • Possible Residence probation. • Formal letter of warning from College Official. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential fine up to \$250. • Residence probation. • Possible suspension of residence privilege for remainder of current academic year. • Meeting with College Official/Administrator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential fine up to \$500. • Suspension of residence privilege for remainder of current academic year. • Possible suspension.

Prohibited Conduct #10a Violation: *Intentionally or recklessly misusing fire equipment or other safety equipment, including fire alarm, fire detection, and fire suppression devices.*

- Attaching items to the sprinkler system in an apartment or residence hall room
- Covering or attaching items to fire alarm equipment in a residence hall room, including but not limited to, smoke detectors, heat detectors, and CO detectors
- Misuse, deactivation, or damage to fire alarm, fire suppression systems, or firefighting equipment

**Fire safety systems and equipment include, but are not limited to: fire extinguishers, pull stations, bells, smoke detectors, heat detectors, hydrants, hoses, standpipe cabinets, sprinklers, sprinkler pipes, alarm panels, fire rated doors, signs and postings, fire lanes and zones, fire department connections etc.*

1st Offense	2nd Offense
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 fine. • Meeting with College Administrator. • Possible referral to College Disciplinary Review Board • Removal of violation by student or College Official (if applicable).* • Restitution to the College for any damages resultant from the violation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential fine up to \$500. • Referral to College Disciplinary Review Board • Suspension of residence privilege for remainder of current academic year. • Restitution to the College for any damages resultant from the violation.

Prohibited Conduct #4 Violation: *Intentionally initiating or causing to be initiated any false report or warning concerning:*

- a) *The threat of fire*
- b) *The presence of a bomb or of an explosion*
- c) *Any other emergency condition*

- Malicious activation of the fire alarm
- Malicious report of fire by pulling the fire alarm
- Malicious false report of fire by contacting emergency personnel (911 or Public Safety)
- Theft of fire alarm, fire suppression systems, or firefighting equipment
- Intentional setting fire and/or burning any object and/or place not intended to be burnt
- Negligent behavior resulting in a fire

1st Offense
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential fine up to \$500. • Referral to College Disciplinary Review Board • Removal from Residence for remainder of current academic year. • Restitution to the College for any damages resultant from the violation.

Prohibited Conduct #20 Violation: *Unauthorized use or possession of fireworks, other incendiaries, or explosive devices.*

- Including presence of gasoline, propane tanks, or other highly combustible items in residence housing

1st Offense
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential fine up to \$500.• Referral to College Disciplinary Review Board• Removal from Residence for remainder of current academic year.• Restitution to the College for any damages resultant from the violation.

Other sanctions may also be levied as a response to violations. **Violations that rise to the level of criminal behavior (i.e. pulling a false alarm) are subject to be reported to the police.**

Policy is subject to change at any time by order of the RCNJ Fire Marshal, Student Conduct, and Residence Life.