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### Things to Avoid on Campus to Stay Fire Safe

**Olympia** – The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office recommends parents discuss safe choices with their college students and avoid dangerous contributors to campus fires:

- **Using alcohol or drugs.** Students under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be slower to respond in an emergency.
- **Smoking.** In more than half the campus fires, smoking materials were identified as the source of ignition with smoking materials smoldering in a couch, either inside or outside the building.
- **Cooking with toasters, toaster ovens, or hot plates in dorm rooms.** Check with Residential Housing office for a list of appliances that are not allowed. And always watch what you cook.
- **Be sure that all smoke alarms remain operational.** Never disable smoke alarms to prevent nuisance or unintended alarms.

For more information, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at 360-596-3929.

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