

# Fire Safety Tips

Follow these fire safety tips for your own safety and the safety of others:

- **Smoke alarms should be checked monthly.**  
*Smoke & heat detectors in USF facilities, including housing, are hard wired, not battery operated, and checked electronically by USF personnel.*
- **Do not deactivate or disable smoke alarms.**
- Look for exit signs and evacuation diagrams, if posted, to orient you on the building layout.
- Determine two ways to reach an exit that will take you to the exterior of the building and a grassy location for safety.
- Remember not to use elevators to exit a building during an evacuation as the elevators may become inoperable.
- When evacuating a building, only carry personal belongings that are within your immediate vicinity.
- Never go away from an exit to retrieve personal items, always proceed to the nearest exit as time is of the essence.
- According to NFPA statistics, half of all U.S. home fire deaths occur at night between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am, when people are most likely to be sleeping. **Having a working smoke alarm cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half.**

Please take a few minutes to make sure you have an evacuation plan and working smoke alarms, it could save your life. For more fire safety information, visit [usf.edu/ehs](http://usf.edu/ehs) or contact Environmental Health and Safety at 974-4036.

**Don't Wait - Check the Date!  
Replace Smoke Alarms  
Every 10 Years.**