



# CAMPUS FIRE FACTS

## Keeping Cool Safely

The Centers for Disease Control cites air-conditioning as the No.1 protection against heat-related illness and death during the hot summer months, but these appliances must be used safely.



According to the NFPA, air conditioning was involved in an average of 2,200 home fires per year, resulting in an average of 16 civilian deaths, 85 civilian injuries, and \$54 million in direct property damage.

- Choose an air conditioning unit which is the proper size & energy for the area

- 10x12 Room: 5,000 Btu/hr  
20x20: 10,000 Btu /hr  
1,200sq ft home: 23,000 Btu/hr
- Check the electrical circuit to be sure it can supply the necessary energy
- Never alter a plug to fit it into an outlet. Instead, have a qualified electrician replace the outlet
- Be sure your cord will reach a wall outlet
- Ensure you have the right cord for an air conditioner if you need an extension cord and always inspect extension cords before you use them
- Look for the UL Mark on the extension cord, which means that representative samples of the cord have been tested for safety hazards
- Ensure the plug's blades and grounding pin are present

- Don't run the cord under a carpet

### Other cooling tips:

- Clean & inspect your air conditioner
- Start units early and cool areas throughout the day
- Pull shades to block the sun
- Turn off all unnecessary lights
- Wait until late evening to use dishwashers & clothes dryers
- Close off unused rooms
- Make sure your attic is properly ventilated
- Using floor or ceiling fans to circulate the cooled air
- When you're selecting fans and air conditioners, look for the UL Mark

For more tips on summer safety, visit the UL Web site at [www.ul.com/consumers](http://www.ul.com/consumers).



## UL Warns of Counterfeit Automatic Fire Sprinklers

June 19, 2008... NORTHBROOK, IL, UL Warns of Counterfeit Automatic Fire Sprinklers- Underwriters Laboratories (UL) is notifying consumers, distributors and property owners of automatic fire sprinklers that bear a counterfeit UL Mark for the United States and Canada. Although marked with the word "Globe," these sprinklers are not manufactured by Globe Fire Sprinkler Corp. and have not been evaluated for safety by UL.

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