

What You Need to Know Regarding Fire Sprinklers in Your Unit & in Common Areas

Do

- Clear all fire alarms from clutter.
- Inform the Management Office if you will have any work done in your unit that may affect the sprinklers.
- Inform vendors and workers in your unit to be mindful of the “Don’t” list.
- Exercise caution when moving large or tall items.
- Instruct children accordingly regarding sprinklers.
- Keep pictures and large furniture away from sprinklers on wall.

Don't

- Paint the sprinklers.
- Damage the sprinklers.
- Hang objects from the sprinklers or other components.
- Obstruct the sprinklers.
- Cover the sprinklers.
- Bump the sprinklers.
- Remove the sprinklers.

If the Fire Sprinkler System is activated, the building’s Fire Safety System will also activate. An alarm will be heard throughout the affected areas and the Fire Department will be dispatched.

Commonly Asked Questions & Answers

Q: How do sprinklers operate?

A: Fire sprinklers are individually heat-activated and connected to a network of piping filled with water

that is under pressure. When the heat from a fire raises an individual sprinkler to its operating

temperature – usually about 155°F – that sprinkler will activate. Once activated, the sprinkler will spray

water over the fire, controlling and in many cases extinguishing the fire completely.

Over 90% of fires are controlled or extinguished by the operation of a single sprinkler. However, the sprinkler could also activate if accidentally hit or compromised (refer to the “Don’t” list above).

Q: Do sprinklers go off accidentally?

A: The chances that a sprinkler will accidentally discharge due to a manufacturing defect are extremely rare, 1 in 16 million. Furthermore, home sprinklers are specifically designed and rigorously tested to minimize such accidents.

Q: If one sprinkler is activated, will all other sprinklers in the unit activate?

A: No, the sprinklers are heat activated and will activate once temperature reaches 155°F.

As a reminder, ALL FIRE ALARMS should be considered a true emergency until the Fire Department provides us with the ALL CLEAR. Front Desk staff may not be available during these emergency situations to answer calls and are not authorized to provide an “all clear” until the fire Department has fully investigated the source of the alarm.

Residents should follow the directions of the Fire Safety System and perform the necessary evacuation via the nearest stairwell exit as soon as possible. It is also important for all residents to understand that during these emergency situations, Maintenance, Management and staff are dealing with first responders, obtaining information from the fire panel in order to locate the source of the alarm and assisting with the safe evacuation of residents.

