



PLAYING A PRANK MAY BE COMMITTING A CRIME

College arson prevention tips

- Report suspicious fires or signs of burning, regardless of the size, to school officials.
- Deny a potential arsonist easy access to fuel for a fire: lock paper notices displayed along corridors and hallways in protective cases.
- Don't leave outside doors propped open. Ensure that only students and authorized guests have access to your dormitory or residential building.

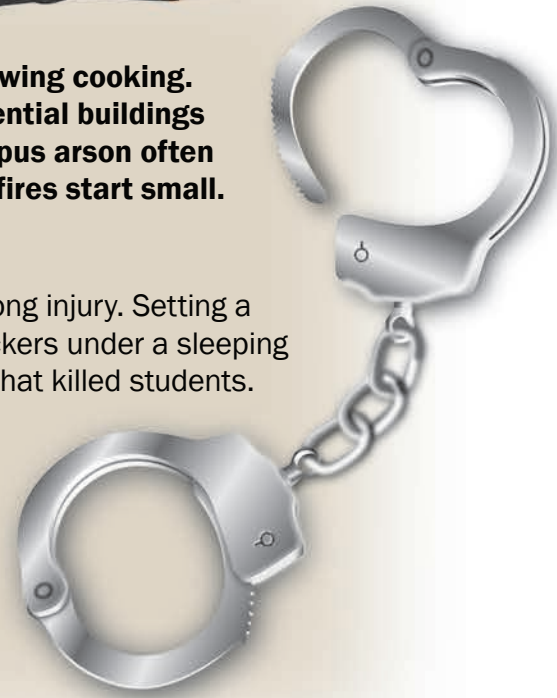
Did You Know?

Arson is the second leading cause of campus fires following cooking. Over half of campus arson fires are in on-campus residential buildings and most of these are set in hallways or corridors. Campus arson often starts as a prank but pranks can turn deadly, as all big fires start small.

There are serious consequences to arson!

- **Life and health** consequences, such as death or life-long injury. Setting a poster on fire outside a classroom and tossing firecrackers under a sleeping student's bed are just two examples of recent pranks that killed students.
- **Legal** consequences, such as imprisonment.
- **Academic** consequences, such as dismissal from your college or university.

Think twice before playing a prank that can endanger your life and the lives of your friends.



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