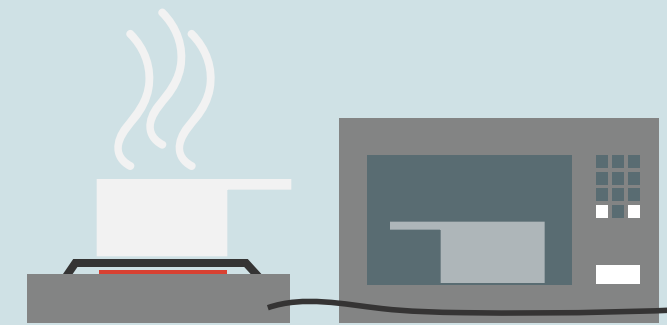


IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: BACK TO SCHOOL!

Here are some tips for college and university students heading out on their own to help stay safe while they hit the books.

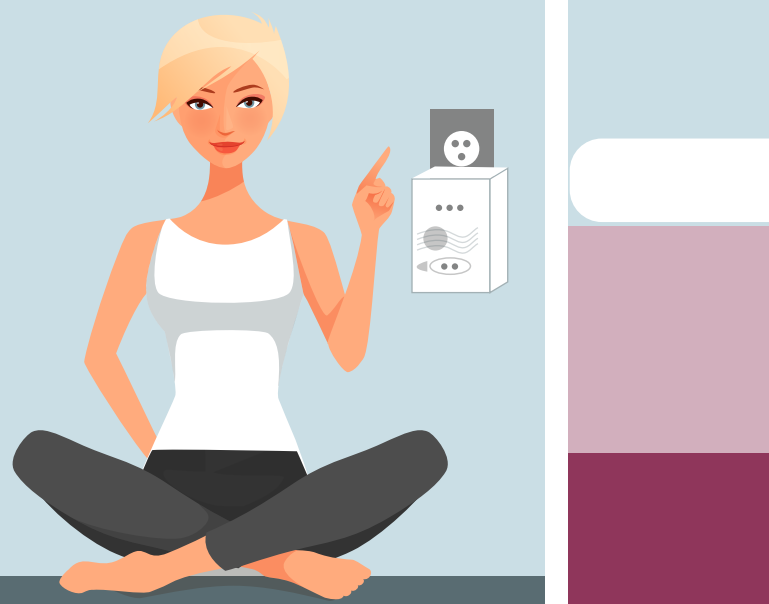


USE SAFETY FIRST WHEN COOKING UP A STORM

Check the school rules to make sure items like hot plates, microwaves, and coffee makers are permitted. Remember to keep flammable materials away from heating and cooking devices.

GET ALARMED

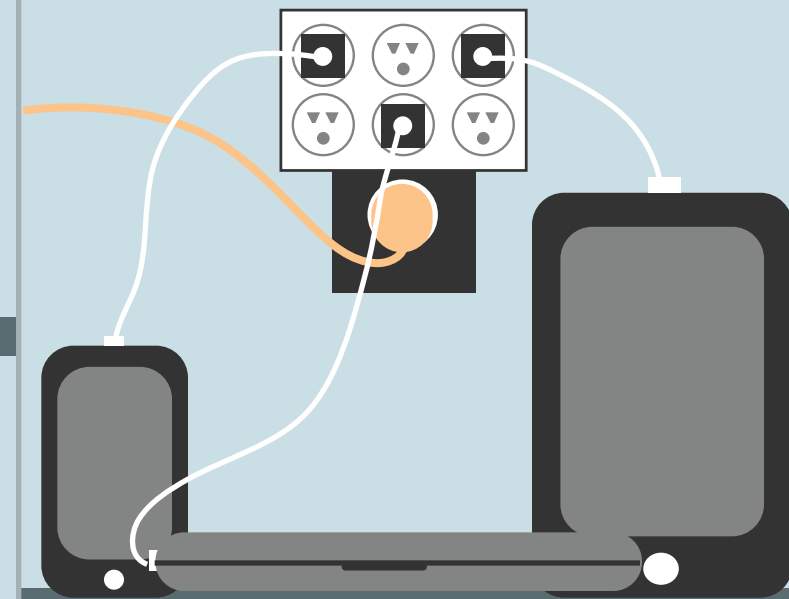
Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless, lethal gas. Having a carbon monoxide alarm and smoke detector could save your life.



FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS

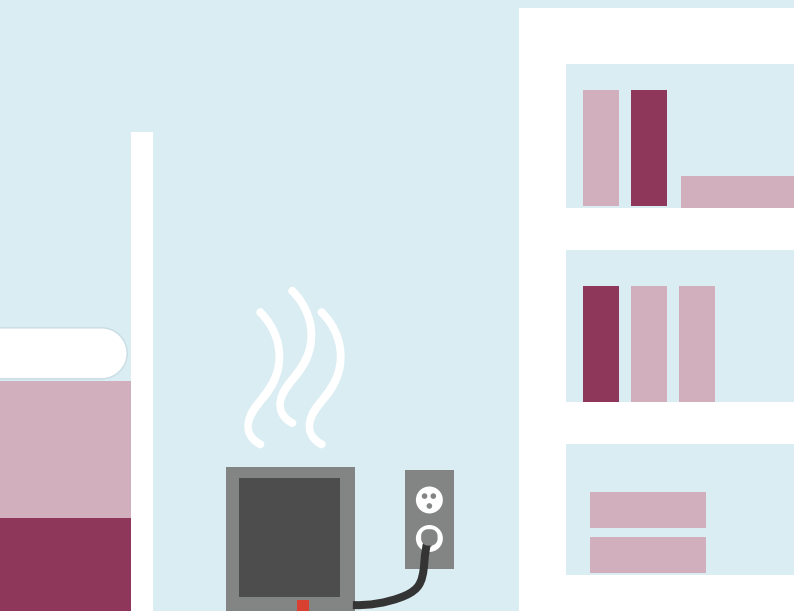
If you are using small appliances in your dorm room, make sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions. Don't leave heating or cooking appliances unattended.

DON'T GET OVERLOADED
When you're short on outlets, don't overload plugs with electric devices. To make sure you don't overload the circuit and potentially cause a fire, use a heavy extension cord that can handle the intended load.



MAKE SURE SPACE HEATERS HAVE SPACE

Make sure heaters have enough room for air circulation in front and behind the unit and aren't close to furniture and flammable materials. Be sure to place heaters where they can't be knocked over.

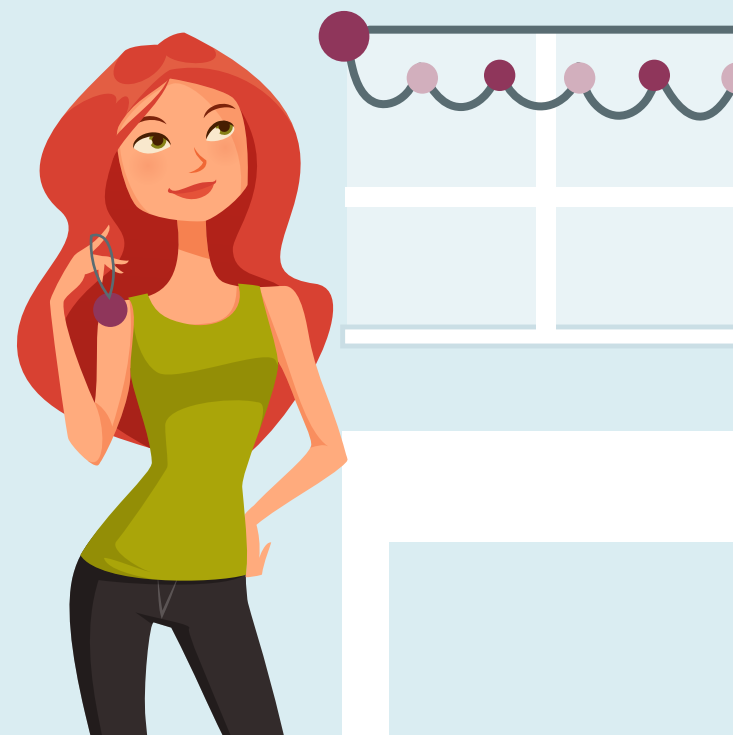


BEWARE OF EXTREME BARGAINS

If the price seems too good to be true, it probably is. Know the fair market value of products and be suspicious if they are significantly undervalued. Always buy from reputable sources.

USE SAFE DECORATIVE LIGHTING

Carefully inspect lights and lamps to make sure there are no broken or cracked sockets and use a timer when possible. For temporary use only.



ALWAYS LOOK FOR THE CERTIFICATION MARK

Make sure all electronics are properly certified by an organization such as CSA Group to help ensure they've met applicable performance and safety standards.