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Fire Marshall - Fire Safety Talk Recap

*75% of fires happen between 11pm - 6am

***NEVER SMOKE IN BED**

*Lithium batteries in all devices - buy quality products, inexpensive ones can be dangerous and can start a fire relatively easy.

*For e-bikes and e-scooters -only purchase and use devices, batteries and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.

*Extension cords can be very dangerous. Again, buy quality cords and use them as a **temporary solution** --**extension cords are not to be used as permanent outlets.** Do not link cords together! Do not cover cords with a rug/carpeting. Consider replacing any extension cords you use every few years as the chips deteriorate in them and they can catch fire.

*For those unable to use the stairwells to exit, please inform the desk attendant that you would like to be placed on the "shelter in place listing". If you are on this list, the fire department will come and get you. If you are a "shelter in place" resident, please put a white pillow case or sheet on your door knob to indicate you are inside in the event of a fire. This helps the fire department a great deal in finding you.

* Clean and inspect all wood burning fireplaces yearly.

*Do not depend on a fire extinguisher - get essential belongings and get out should you have a fire. Extinguishers are over rated. If you do have an extinguisher, be sure it is serviced yearly or replaced.

*Never put water on a grease fire! Cover with a pot lid or cutting board.

*NEVER smoke when oxygen is present.

*Remember that there are pull station alarms outside of your unit next to the elevator doors. In the event of a fire, activate the alarm and call the Fire Department – 911.

It was great little session of some basic fire safety reminders. He also announced that we will be having a fire drill in the Spring that **will not** be announced ahead of time.

Thank you,
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