Fire Sprinkler Safety Tips

- Don’t hang things on or cover fire sprinklers, which could affect their ability to work properly.
- When a smoke alarm sounds or a sprinkler activates, immediately evacuate the building to the outside. Don’t assume it’s a false alarm.
- Make sure sprinkler heads are visible and accessible.
- Don’t put heat sources near sprinkler heads, such as a toaster oven that emits a lot of heat.

DID YOU KNOW?

The combination of working smoke alarms and fire sprinklers reduces the likelihood of dying in a fire by more than 82 percent!

From 2012-2013, thousands of college student deaths were prevented by more than 30 saves where automatic fire sprinklers extinguished fires at campus residences before they could develop into life-threatening incidents.

Fire sprinkler systems offer the greatest level of fire safety because they control the fire immediately in the room of origin, help limit the spread of fire, and often extinguish it before the fire department arrives.

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