FIRE SAFETY & YOU!

Being safe in an emergency depends on you! Here are some guidelines to help you stay safe while at Portland State University:

1. Know where your emergency exits are. The emergency exit routes are located by the elevators. Plan for an emergency, BEFORE it happens.
2. Only use stairs in case of emergency. Know where the fire alarms and extinguishers are located.
3. When exiting in an emergency, use the pre-arranged spot for the assembly point.
4. Use only approved power strips with a resettable circuit breaker; never daisy chain. Do not use extension cords.
5. Keep hallways and stairwells free from debris and storage. Make sure exit doors close completely.
6. Do not let your work space clutter get out of control.
7. Sheltering in place is an option in an emergency. If you do, be sure to call 911 and tell them where you are!
8. Never open a door that is hot or has smoke coming in from around the seams. Seal the edges with a wet towel or duct tape then call 911.
9. Do you need help with mobility? Make sure you have a plan in place in case of emergency. Contact EHS if you need help with emergency planning.
10. Consider having an emergency 72-hr kit. Include things like a flashlight, first aid kit, food and water in case you have to shelter in place. You never know when freak snowstorm will hit!

For more on emergency planning contact the Fire & Life Safety Officer at ehs@lists.pdx.edu, or visit the EHS website, http://www.pdx.edu/environmental-health-safety.