Arson, Explosive Devices, and Fire Equipment

Summary/Purpose: To protect property and persons from harm as the result of fire and inherently dangerous activities.

The unauthorized setting of fires, use of explosive devices, and misuse of fire equipment are prohibited at The University of Mississippi. Below is a nonexclusive list of prohibited actions under this policy.

1. The University prohibits the attempt to set, the setting of, or the adding to unauthorized fires on University property.

2. Any student found willfully to have tampered with, damaged, or misused any fire protection equipment, initiated a false alarm, negligently discharged a fire extinguisher, or set fire in a residence hall or any other facility on the University campus may be expelled from the University and held responsible for the cost of all damages. In addition to disciplinary action through the University judicial system, students and/or their nonstudent guests who engage in such activity may be subject to criminal prosecution and civil liability.

3. Occupants of all University facilities have a responsibility to follow the directions and directives of the chief of the Oxford Fire Department, or a designated representative, and University personnel during fire emergencies as well as unannounced fire drills and practice evacuations. The failure or refusal to cooperate will constitute a breach of regulations and is subject to disciplinary action.

4. The University prohibits the possession, use, or threatened use of explosive devices, materials, or chemicals, including, but not limited to, firecrackers, cherry bombs, bottle rockets, and dynamite.