



Information regarding the fire alarm system Pulvermühlstraße 41, 4040 Linz

This additional information should document how the automatic fire alarm system, which we installed for your safety, works and how you may avoid false alarms (that means: causing a fire alarm accidentally without the occurrence of fire)

The fire alarm system and all other fire preventions reduce the danger of spreading fire and smoke in the whole building. All these installations we built for the safety of our residents, that means, for YOU! For granting this safety the fire detectors have to be set up as sensitive as possible, so that on the one hand side fire and smoke can be detected immediately and on the other hand side alarms, which are directly forwarded to the fire department, are tripped as fast as possible, so the building may be evacuated immediately after starting the alarm.

In case of fire every second counts to save your and your colleagues' lives and to avoid that you might be injured.

For that reason false alarms might be expensive, as in any case of alarm the fire department assumes that there is an occurrence of fire and they have to come anyways and under certain circumstances also a security agency has to come. In case of false alarm all costs (for fire brigade, security agency etc.) have to be covered by the person who caused the false alarm.

As described in our fire safety guidelines (see 2.2 „automatic smoke detectors“) false alarms could be caused by: smoke (also smoke of cigarettes, candles, incense sticks etc.), steam (too much steam in the vestibule of the room, because of leaving the bathroom door open, improper use of an electric kettle etc.), severe formation of smoke in the kitchen (caused by leaving the windows closed while cooking)

If a false alarm is tripped in a room of a student the costs have to be covered by the student living in this room.

To keep the risk of causing a false alarm as modest as possible we have some useful tips for you:

Smoking:

- In all the dorms of Akademikerhilfe there is a **ban of smoke** as the automatic smoke detectors are not able to distinguish between smoke of cigarettes or candles etc. and smoke caused by a fire.

Cooking:

- Smoke detectors are installed in the corridors. Please make sure that the door to your room is closed while you are cooking, particularly when smoke is produced (burnt food, etc.).