HOUSE SAFETY AND SECURITY TIPS

SECURITY
- Keep windows locked at night and when members are away.
- Keep exterior door locked at all times.
- Install timers on outdoor and selected indoor lights.
- Ask local alumni to periodically check the facility during breaks.
- Change the locks on all doors frequently.
- Monitor the activity of guests.
- Question strangers if found in the house or on the property. Call the police when in doubt.

ELECTRICAL
- Repair any exposed wiring or damaged fixtures.
- Do not overload outlets.
- Know where the fuse or breaker box is located and how to reset it if necessary.
- All electrical outlets and switch plate covers must be in place. Cracked or broken covers need to be replaced.
- GFCI outlets located in bathrooms and kitchen.
- Space heaters should not be allowed in house.

TRIP HAZARDS
- No cords/cables running across pathways.
- No loose or missing stair treads.
- No frayed or bubbled carpet.
- No heaved or broken sidewalks.

NATURAL GAS
- Only allow professionals to move or work on gas lines or equipment.
- If doing yard work and digging, locate all utilities by first contacting the utilities company to properly mark the lines.

PLUMBING
- Know where the water main is located and how to turn it off in case of an emergency.
- Take precautions during winter to avoid frozen pipes (see sheet on preparing for winter break).

WINDOWS
- Inspect for missing or broken glass and screens.
- All windows should be lockable.

WEATHER
- Be aware and educate members of emergency procedures in case of tornado, hurricane, blizzard, earthquake, flood, and severe thunderstorm. Be prepared.
- Conduct occasional emergency drills.