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# 14. Fire Alarms

### (1) Housing fire alarm

Some houses are equipped with fire alarms.

A proper maintenance is important for ensuring that fire alarms work correctly. Painting, bumping, disassembling or attaching stickers on fire alarms are all prohibited.

#### ◆ Stained fire alarm ◆

The fire alarm installed in the kitchen might be dirtied by oil or smoke. Soak a cloth in neutral detergent and squeeze it firmly. Apply the detergent-wet cloth for wiping off the stain. Never use organic solvents such as benzine or thinner. Never wash the fire alarm with water since it might cause malfunction.

#### ◆ Regular operational check-up is necessary ◆

You are advised to check the alarm by pulling the cord hanging down from the alarm unit or by pressing the button. We recommend the regular check-up, say once per month. It is also important to check the alarm after you have been away for an extended period of time. For more information, see the manual for the alarm unit.

\* If the alarm does not work when you check it, or if the alarm accidentally goes off, contact your Administration Service Office or Residence Center or other management facilities.

### ◆ Non-fire related instances in which the alarm might go off ◆

In addition to fires, the fire alarm might go off in the following conditions. In these cases, ventilate the room or stop the alarm temporarily by pushing the stop button or pulling the cord. For more information, see the manual for the alarm unit.

- Smoke or steam emitted while cooking is blown to the unit
- Insecticide or hair conditioner is sprayed directly to the unit
- Cigarette smoke is blown directly to the unit
- Fumigant insecticide is activated
- Dirt or insects enter the sensing device



Example of procedures for checking and stopping the alarm

## (2) Automatic fire alarm system

UR has installed automatic fire alarm systems in some residences under the Fire Service Act. When a fire occurs, the fire detector will sense the heat and smoke, and an alarm sounds when the receiver gets this fire signal to provide notice on the fire.

- Because the details of the automatic fire alarm system can differ depending on the apartment complex or housing, please check the details of system for your own residence in the user manual, etc.
- If a fire signal is received, please don't stop the alarm until you confirm whether there is a fire or not. (The alarm will stop if you press the stop button. In addition, if the alarm is stopped from the housing information panel, the alarm from the intercom device at the entrance will also be stopped.) There is a risk for you to inactivate the audio/bell function even if you feel that a false alarm would be bothersome.