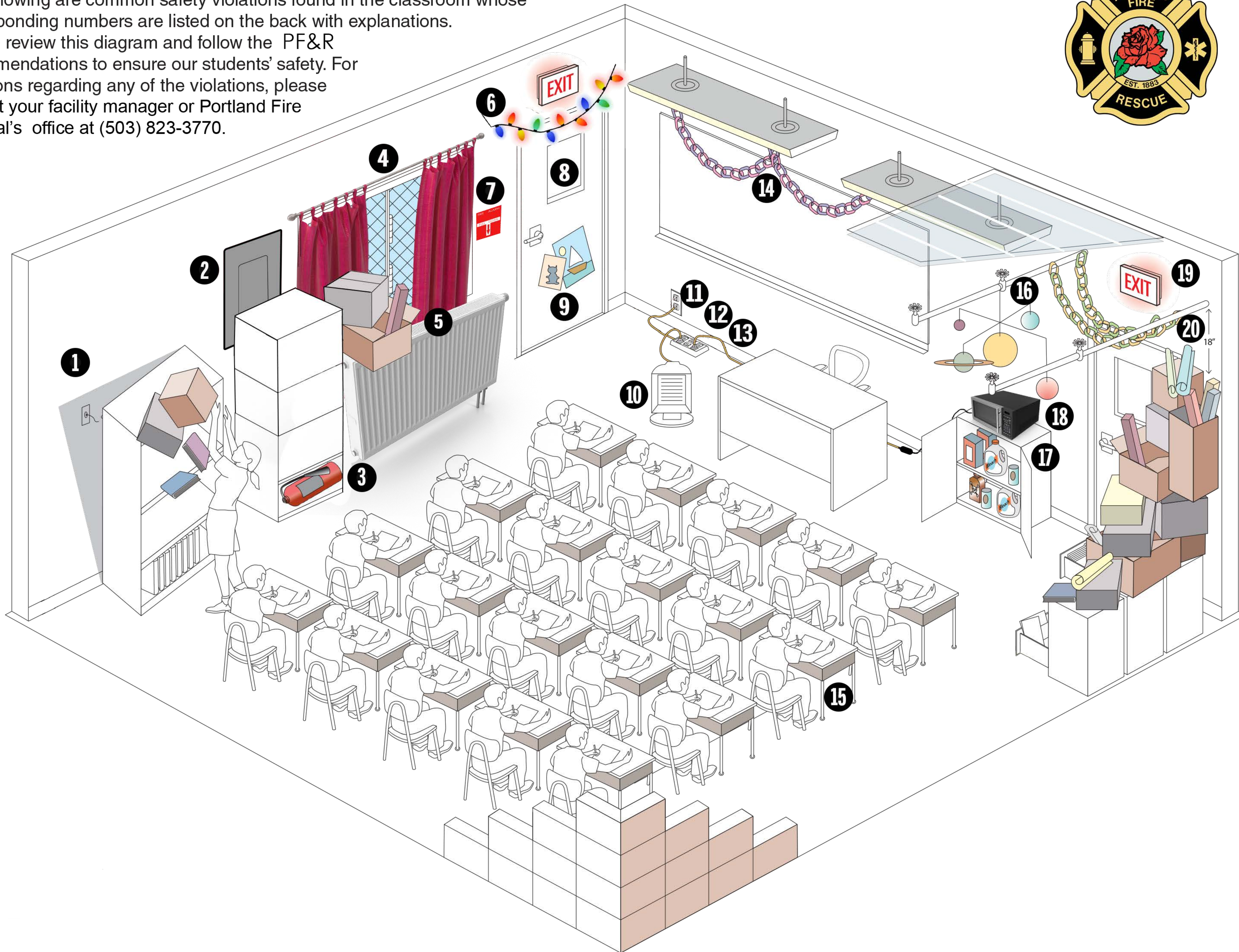


Common Safety Violations in School Classrooms

The following are common safety violations found in the classroom whose corresponding numbers are listed on the back with explanations. Please review this diagram and follow the PF&R recommendations to ensure our students' safety. For questions regarding any of the violations, please contact your facility manager or Portland Fire Marshal's office at (503) 823-3770.



1. Secure cabinets and shelving in the egress pathway.
2. Keep a clear working space of 36" in front of electrical panels.
3. Fire extinguishers shall not be blocked or hidden and be mounted to a wall.
4. Decorative materials, such as curtains and drapes, shall be UL listed or treated with a flame retardant.
5. Combustible storage on a heating appliance is not allowed.
6. Decorative holiday lighting must be UL listed with a built-in fuse.
7. Pull stations shall not be blocked or hidden.
8. Keep exit doors and exit pathways clear.
9. Decorations shall not exceed 20% of the wall and 10% of the door surface.
10. Portable heaters must have tip over protection.
11. Multi-outlet adapters must be UL listed with circuit protection. They must be plugged directly into a wall outlet and not into each other.
12. Walk on protection must be provided for any power cord in a walking path.

13. Extension cords are for temporary use only. They must be unplugged and stored at the end of the school day.
14. Nothing shall be hung from ceiling lights.
15. Do not exceed the classroom occupancy load (20 square feet per student).
16. Nothing shall be hung from the fire sprinkler systems.
17. Hazardous materials must be stored in an approved location or cabinet.
18. Appliances, such as microwaves, refrigerators, toasters, toaster ovens, and heaters, shall be plugged directly into wall outlets or per manufacture's specification.
19. Exit signs shall always be visible.
20. Combustible storage shall be stored in an orderly manner. Maintain 24" clearance below ceilings in non-sprinkled buildings and 18" below sprinkler heads in sprinkled buildings.

Most classrooms safety violations can be avoided by keeping classrooms clean, neat, and well organized. Do not try and store more materials than your room was designed to safely handle. Do not obstruct the existing fire safety systems. Do not try and exceed the capacity of the room's electrical system with multi-outlet adapters and extension cords. Always look out for conditions that have the potential to hurt students.