

# Sprinkler Head Guards

## Why do we need them?

A single sprinkler head can discharge 20-40 gallons of water per minute. While accidental activation is rare, we have seen multiple damage claims in which a sprinkler head activated by being hit by a football or similar object or from hanging items from the sprinkler head.

### Examples

- A fraternity member shot at the sprinkler head with an air soft gun. He hit the glass trigger element, causing the sprinkler to discharge. Substantial damage to three floors of the fraternity house resulted in a claim payout of nearly \$62,000.
- A fraternity member threw a football down the hall to a friend but struck the sprinkler head. The resulting water damage totaled over \$82,000.

We strongly recommend installing guards on all the sprinkler heads in your fraternity/sorority house. For as little as \$5.00 per sprinkler head, this damage could have been avoided. Additional resources, including additional fire safety communications, can be found on our website, [www.HolmesMurphyFraternal.com](http://www.HolmesMurphyFraternal.com)

