University of Delaware

2014 Annual Fire Safety Report

The Higher Education Opportunity Act, enacted on August 14, 2008, requires institutions that maintain on-campus student housing facilities to publish an annual fire safety report that contains information about campus fire safety practices and standards of the institution.

A. 2013 Fire Statistics for On-campus Student Housing Facilities

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<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Date/Time</th>
<th>Cause</th>
<th>Injuries</th>
<th>Deaths</th>
<th>Property Damage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Thompson Hall Room 004</td>
<td>3/17/13@2:15pm</td>
<td>Unattended electric fan left on upholstered chair</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$400</td>
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<td>Warner Hall Attic</td>
<td>4/20/13@4:47am</td>
<td>Overheated HVAC Motor</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$250</td>
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<td>Independence Hall Room 242</td>
<td>4/22/13@8:14 am</td>
<td>Overheated Fan Coil Unit Motor</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$250</td>
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<td>Conover Apartments W-14</td>
<td>5/14/13@9:23 pm</td>
<td>Attended cooking accident, spilled grease on lit burner</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$400</td>
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<td>Rodney Hall- B Room 190</td>
<td>8/23/13@6:26 pm</td>
<td>Short-circuit in a supplemental heating unit</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>$250</td>
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<td>Redding Hall Room 007</td>
<td>10/11/13@5:46 am</td>
<td>Short-circuit on fan coil unit motor</td>
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<td>Rodney Hall-D Restroom 218</td>
<td>12/6/13@2:15 pm</td>
<td>Restroom waste basket fire</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$100</td>
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B. Description of On-Campus Student Housing Fire Safety Systems:

- All On-Campus Student Housing, Graduate Student Housing and On-Campus Fraternity/Sorority Housing are equipped with the following fire safety features:
  - Complete automatic sprinkler system
  - Fire alarm system monitored by the UD Department of Public Safety
  - Smoke alarm in each sleeping room, interconnected within common areas of suites and apartments. Activation is initially local to the room of origin and transmits a fire alarm signal to UD Department of Public Safety. After 15-minutes of local alarm activation, or activation of a second smoke alarm, the alarm will sound a General Fire Alarm within the building. All fire alarm events, troubles and supervisory signals are monitored by UD Department of Public Safety.
  - Egress corridors and stairwells are fire rated
  - Residents with disabilities are accommodated according to their needs

- Each UD Owned Off-Campus Fraternity and Sorority housing facility has the following:
  - Automatic sprinkler system
  - Fire alarm system monitored by the UD Department of Public Safety
  - Smoke alarm in each sleeping room
  - Egress corridors and stairwells are fire rated
  - Residents with disabilities are accommodated according to their needs

C. Number of regular mandatory supervised fire drills:

Each on-campus graduate and undergraduate student housing facility has two fire evacuation drills conducted by Campus Fire Marshal and University Police each semester.
D. Policies on portable electrical appliances, smoking and open flames:

On campus housing facilities have prohibitions against the following activities:

A. Smoking.
B. Using lighted candles or other open flames devices.
C. Cooking in unapproved areas (bedrooms) including use of toaster ovens and appliances with an open heating element. Microwaves are allowed in Student Housing Rooms.
D. Use of space heaters (Except when issued by Residential Facilities for emergency outages of heat).
E. Use of extension cords.
F. Tampering with or blocking any fire protection equipment.
G. Possession of fireworks.
H. Use of halogen lamps or halogen bulbs.

Additional information is available on the following web sites:
Fire Safety Program in Residence Halls -
http://www.udel.edu/reslife/community_living/prohibited.html
Residential Facilities - Safety and Environment -
http://www.udel.edu/reslife/community_living/safety.html
Facilities Management Guidelines for Student Housing -
http://www.facilities.udel.edu/resfacilitiesmaintenance.aspx

E. Fire safety education and training programs for students, faculty and staff:

The Fire Protection Element within the Department of Environmental Health & Safety provides training to housing staff including Resident Assistants, Complex Coordinators, Residence Hall Coordinators and Greek House Directors. The training includes annual R/A Fire Safety Training. Training provides information on fire protection features of facilities, fire prevention, emergency reaction procedures, and conducting fire safety education sessions for residents, and hands-on fire extinguisher training. Graduate Students and staff for Chemistry/Bio Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Biology Lab Programs were provided fire safety and hands-on fire extinguisher training. The Fire Protection Engineering Element is also involved in public education programs such as New Student Orientation, AG-Day, Graduate Fair, Grad Student Lab Fire Safety, ARAMARK Employee Training; Public Safety In-Service Training Transportation UD Bus Drivers and General Population Fire Extinguisher Training. A web-based
Student Resident Fire Safety Pilot Training Program was developed and provided by National Institute of Fire and Safety Training (NIFAST). The training was tested by Residence Life professionals and staff and offered to on and off-campus student residents.

F. Plans for future improvements in fire safety:

UD continually evaluates the fire protection systems within student housing facilities. Evaluations culminate in the incorporation of fire safety upgrades. Such upgrades occur through replacements or building renovations. Current plans include:

- New construction of new 3-story Combination Dining/Student Housing building is scheduled for occupancy in September 2015; fire safety features being incorporated are state of the art fire alarm detection and automatic fire sprinklers.
- Corrected serious deficiency with primary and alternate fire pumps serving 6 major residence halls on Laid Campus.
- Continuing to provide enhanced fire extinguisher training with recently obtained BullEX Bull’s-eye laser fire extinguisher training system. Hands-on fire extinguisher training at Sorority and Fraternity Houses is provided on-location at each residence.
- Modified NIFAST Training program by adding Safety/Security Elements including, Active Shooter, Campus Safety, UD Alert System, and Alcohol Awareness. Currently increasing student participation of NIFAST web based Residential Fire Safety Training program. Residence Life and Campus Fire Marshal are collaborating to add student incentives with a combined Month of September Safety Campaign. The goal is to have all student residents successfully complete this valued training.

Access to UD Department of Public Safety Clery Reporting at: http://www.udel.edu/PublicSafety/admin_cleryact.html