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Right-to-Know Act



The Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act

Included as part of the reauthorization of the Higher Education Opportunity Act

Original bill was sponsored by Congressman Pascrell and Senator Lautenberg, both of New Jersey, and requires colleges to report fire safety information to the U.S. Department of Education.



Regulatory Language

- Each eligible institution...that *maintains on-campus student housing facilities* shall, on an annual basis, publish a fire safety report, which shall contain information with respect to the campus fire safety practices and standards of that institution, including—



Annual Fire Safety Report

- 1) A description of each on-campus student housing facility fire safety system
- 2) The number of fire drill(s) held during the previous calendar year
- 3) Policies or rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in a student housing facility
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Annual Fire Safety Report

- 4) Policies regarding fire safety education and training programs provided to students, faculty, and staff
 - must describe the procedures that students and employees should follow in the case of a fire
- 5) For purposes of including a fire in the statistics in the annual fire safety report, a list of the titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report that a fire occurred
- 6) Plans for future improvements in fire safety, if determined necessary by the institution



Fire Statistics

- Publish in annual fire safety report statistics for 3 most recent calendar years, for on-campus student housing only --
 - Number of fires and the causes of each fire
 - Number of injuries related to a fire that result in treatment at a medical facility
 - Number of deaths related to a fire
 - Value of property damage caused by a fire



Definitions

- Fire: Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.
- Fire drill: A supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire.



Definitions

- *Fire-related injury*: Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of the fire. The term person may include students, faculty, staff, visitors, firefighters, or any other individuals.



Definitions

- *Fire-related death:* Any instance in which a person is killed as a result of a fire, including death resulting from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire. Dies within 1 year of injuries sustained as a result of the fire.



Definitions

- *Fire safety system*: Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire, or the control of a fire including-
 - Sprinkler or other fire extinguishing systems
 - Fire detection devices
 - Stand-alone smoke alarms
 - Devices that alert one to the presence of a fire, such as horns, bells, or strobe lights
 - Smoke-control and reduction mechanisms
 - Fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of a fire



Definitions

- *Value of Property Damage:* The estimated value of the loss of the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity, including
 - Contents damaged by fire
 - Related damages caused by smoke, water, and overhaul
 - Does *not* include indirect loss, such as business interruption



Fire Log

- 1) Must maintain a fire log that records any fire that occurred in an on-campus student housing facility
 - By date the fire was reported
 - Written and easily understood
 - Includes the nature, date, time and general location of each fire
- 2) An entry, or an addition to an entry, must be made within two business days of the receipt of information



Fire Log

- 3) Fire log for the most recent 60-day period must be open to public inspection during normal business hours.
 - Any portion of the log older than 60 days must be available within two business days of a request for public inspection



Evacuation Policies

Must include a statement of policy regarding emergency response and evacuation in annual report

- Procedures to be used to notify campus community upon confirmation of significant event
- Description of process to confirm incident and initiate the notification
- Methods to test emergency response and evacuation procedures
 - documentation



Timeline for Compliance

Aug. 14, 2008
HEOA
provisions
effective

Aug 2009
Proposed rules
published for
comment

Oct 29, 2009
Release of
final rules

July 1, 2010
Final rules
took effect



2009 Annual Fire Safety Report

[2009 Annual Security Report](#) is available from the University of Maryland Department of Public Safety

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. 2008 Fire Statistics for On-campus Student Housing Facilities

Location	Cause	Injuries	Deaths	Property Damage
5 Fraternity Drive	Undetermined - Unknown	0	0	\$100.00
Hagerstown Hall	Accidental - Resident playing with hand sanitizer and lighter	1	0	\$15,175.00
South Campus Commons 1	Accidental - Smoking	0	0	\$5,000.00
South Campus Commons 4	Accidental - Food on the stove	0	0	\$50.00
South Campus Commons 1	Accidental - Food in the oven	0	0	\$50.00
Prince George's Hall	Accidental - Trash Can	0	0	\$100.00
Elkton Hall	Undetermined - Microwave	0	0	\$100.00
Courtyards at UMD Building 600	Accidental - Fire in the Stove	0	0	\$250.00
Easton Hall	Undetermined - Trash can	0	0	\$50.00
South Campus Commons 3	Accidental - Toaster in kitchen	0	0	\$50.00
4307 Rowatt Drive	Accidental - Food on the stove	0	0	\$100.00



Building Name: Dearborn Hall
Street Address: 205 Darrow Road
Year Built: 1965
Occupancy: Residence Hall
Capacity: 302 Beds
Type of Construction: Brick

Fire Alarm System Description

Fire Alarm Panel: Edwards Model EST 3

General Description: Fire alarm system consists of manual pull stations, visual/audible alarm devices and integrated automatic detection devices, addressable smoke detector/sounder bases and heat detectors located in individual sleeping rooms, corridors, common areas and mechanical spaces.

Fire Alarm Testing and Inspection

Individual components of the fire alarm systems are tested annually by a certified fire alarm company in accordance with NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code.

Automatic Sprinkler System Description

Type of System:

Coverage: Fully sprinklered in accordance with NFPA 13

Automatic Sprinkler System Inspections

Automatic sprinkler systems are inspected quarterly in accordance with NFPA 13A

Fire Suppression Equipment

Portable Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are located in accordance with NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers.

Portable Fire Extinguisher Inspections

Fire extinguishers located in residence halls are inspected monthly by the Environmental Health and Safety Office. Annual inspection is conducted by a qualified vendor in accordance with NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers.

Fire and Evacuation Drills

Residence Halls are required to have at least one scheduled fire drill per month.



The
UNIVERSITY
of **VERMONT**

**2008 ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT
FOR
STUDENT HOUSING**

A document produced by the University of Vermont in compliance with upcoming requirements of the Higher Education Opportunity Act



DESCRIPTIONS OF STUDENT HOUSING AND FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS

Athletic Campus, Burlington Vermont

Harris Millis Complex, 67 Spear Street



157,007 square foot brick over concrete 530 bed residence hall and dining complex. Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, portable fire extinguishers, commercial and residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

Living Learning Complex, 633 Main Street



231,111 square foot brick over concrete block 535 bed residence hall, classroom, office, and dining complex. Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, portable fire extinguishers, commercial and residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.



2010 Fire Log Summary (for calendar year 2009)

Housing Facility	General Location	Date of Fire	Time Occurred	Cause of Fire	Injuries	Fatalities	Cost of Damages
Lincoln Hall	A Wing Basement	1/7/2009	11:40 AM	Accidental Cooking	No	No	0
Neptune West	4 th Floor Lounge	4/7/2009	6:08 PM	Accidental Cooking	No	No	~\$100
Northern View Apartments	Building 4	4/9/2009	12:17 PM	Accidental Cooking	No	No	~200
Grant Towers South	Outside building under main entrance	4/15/2009	8:35 PM	Outside rubbish, trash, or waste fire	No	No	~\$75
Grant Towers South	Outside building under main entrance	5/3/2009	7:37 PM	Outside rubbish, trash, or waste fire	No	No	0
Stevenson South	B Towers - 6 th Floor	5/3/2009	10:31 PM	Accidental Cooking	No	No	~\$1,000
Northern View Apartments	Building 5	5/3/2009	10:36 PM	Accidental Cooking	No	No	~\$40
Stevenson South	B Tower - 9 th Floor	8/16/2009	8:19 PM	Accidental Cooking	YES (1)	No	~\$12,000
Northern View Apartments	Community Center	9/6/2009	8:00 PM	Accidental Cooking	No	No	0
Stevenson North	D Tower - 13 th Floor Apartment	9/20/2009	8:18 PM	Accidental Cooking	No	No	~\$100
Douglas Hall	B Wing - 4 th Floor	11/6/2009	12:37 AM	Accidental Cooking	No	No	~\$1,000



Dept of Education Web Portal

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OMB#S 1845-0022 AND 1845-0037 APPROVAL EXPIRES 12/31/2012

Campus Safety and Security Survey

PHONE OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Institution: **Duke University-Main Campus (198419-001) (2)** User ID: **C91984191**

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Fires - On-campus Student Housing Facilities

Need help? [Click here for screen instructions](#)

Enter the name, address and number of fires for each On-Campus Student Housing Facility. After you click "Save," you will see an "Enter Data" button across from each facility that has 1 or more fires. For each of these facilities, click "Enter Data" to complete the fire statistics for that facility.
If you use the button below to add a facility, or if you use the "Delete" link to delete a facility, you must return to the Screening Questions to revise the number of On-Campus Student Housing Facilities.

Add new housing facility

Housing Facilities

	Name of Facility	Street Address	Number of Fires			Status	Action
			2007	2008	2009		
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SURVEY NAVIGATION/STATUS

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Everyone Graduates



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Campus Fire Data provides a launching point for a nationwide campus fire reporting program and will start a more accurate and defined portrayal of fire as it affects colleges and universities in the United States. As there has yet to be a true study done on these numbers, we will pioneer the effort with the support and expertise of several partners with a common mission of fire and life safety on campuses such as the National Fire Protection Association.

The Center for Campus Fire Safety (CCFS) received funding from the Department of Homeland Security to start collecting fire data for campuses across the country. This first year, CCFS focused on creating the tools necessary to start collection of the data and at the same time look at the requirements the Department of Education would have as far as collecting data about fires that will be required under the Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act.

We invite colleges and universities to participate as well as fire departments that serve colleges and universities. Your participation in this program will help CCFS better identify the problems campuses face related to fire on campus. From this data, CCFS will be able to create new training programs that will help you mitigate the risk of fire on your campus.

For more information, visit www.campusfiredata.org

[FINAL CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY RIGHT-TO-KNOW REGULATIONS](#)

Additional Resources

[REPRINT FROM NFPA JOURNAL - BIG DATA SERVICE ON CAMPUS](#)

[NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE](#)

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