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# Annual Fire Safety Report 2009

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## **Introduction**

University Housing and Campus Code Compliance and Fire Safety at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) have developed an annual fire safety report. This document summarizes the reporting components required by the Act.

Campus Code Compliance and Fire Safety and University Housing are committed to providing students with fire safety training and a fire safe living learning community.

## **Fire Reporting**

Any fire event in University Housing shall be reported to the following person/persons:

- Resident Director of each Undergraduate Hall (see Housing info) (217) 333-0770
- Complex Director for the Graduate Residence Halls and Apartments (217) 333-5656
- Associate Director, Campus Code Compliance and Fire Safety (217) 244-7215

## **Fire Log**

A fire log of all campus fires is maintained by Campus Code Compliance and Fire Safety. The log may be viewed at Facilities and Services, Code Compliance and Fire Safety, Physical Plant Services Building, 1501 S. Oak Street, Champaign, IL 61820 during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. M-F. Contact (217) 265-5268 for additional information.

## **Link to Annual Security Report**

The Annual Security Report for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which is published by the Division of Public Safety at: <http://www.dps.uiuc.edu/clery.htm>

## **Fire Prevention Policies and Procedures**

University Housing has developed policies and procedures for a safe community. These procedures are communicated to the residence halls students through *Housing Hallmarks*. The Students are also responsible for the policies of the Student Code, which are the rules and regulations of all students at the University of Illinois. The applicable fire prevention policies are as follows:

## A. Student Code Policies

### § 1-310 Unauthorized Use, Abuse, or Interference with Fire Protection Equipment, Firefighting Personnel, or Warning Devices.

(a) The unauthorized use, abuse, or interference with fire protection equipment, firefighting personnel, or warning devices may result in death, injury, or substantial property damage. It is critically important that all fire protection equipment be in its place and in proper working condition if the safety and welfare of the members of the University community are to be assured.

(b) It is a violation of Illinois criminal law to willfully or maliciously cut, injure, damage, tamper with or destroy any fire hydrant, fire hose, fire engine, or other public or private firefighting equipment or any apparatus pertaining to such equipment or firefighting personnel, or to intentionally open any fire hydrant without proper authorization. It is also a violation of Illinois criminal law to knowingly, without authorization, damage any property supported in whole or in part with state funds or federal funds administered or granted through a state agency. Other Illinois laws may also relate to the unauthorized use, abuse, or interference with fire protection equipment or warning devices.

(c) A violation of any federal, state, or local law concerning fire protection equipment or firefighting personnel may result in suspension or dismissal from the University.

## B. University Housing Hallmarks Policies and Procedures – Residence Halls

### *Smoking*

All indoor residence hall facilities are smoke-free, including student rooms. Residents, staff, and guests may only smoke outside. Smoking is also prohibited outdoors within 25 feet of entrances and exits of buildings, and in areas surrounding fresh air intakes of buildings. Residents may be charged \$25 per smoking violation. In order to have a clean appearance around the residence halls, smokers are asked to use the cigarette urns.

### *Candles*

Due to fire hazards associated with an open flame, candles may not be kept or burned in individual residence hall rooms.

### *Fireworks*

Fireworks or pyrotechnic explosive devices are not permitted by state statutes and are prohibited in the residence halls.

### *Flammables*

Any substance that potentially could cause fire, damage, or explosion is not permitted inside the residence halls. This provision includes kerosene heaters and fuel, fuel containers for motorcycles or motor vehicles, as well as candles, open flames, fragrance pots, blow torches, bottled propane, and similar burning devices.

### *Decorations*

The Fire Department must inspect any major decorative construction (e.g., platforms, haunted houses, and obstacle courses) for fire safety before it is used. Students should follow these expectations for fire-safe decorations:

- Use fire-resistant materials in student rooms and at social events.
- Do not overload electrical outlets or extension cords.
- Do not place electrical cords under carpet, through doorways or windows, or behind pillows.
- Provide adequate safety lighting at all social events.
- Do not obstruct access to exits and fire extinguishers.
- Natural, live trees are not permitted.
- Decorations may not be hung from ceilings.

### *Fire Safety Equipment*

Fire equipment saves lives! Tampering with smoke detectors, intentionally causing false fire alarms, hanging items from sprinkler heads, propping fire and smoke doors open, discharging a fire extinguisher, or tampering with other safety equipment could result in personal tragedy and, additionally, criminal charges, fines, University disciplinary action, and/or termination of a resident's Housing contract.

### *Sprinklers*

Do not hang anything on or from sprinkler heads: this can cause unnecessary water discharge and you could be held liable for damage to University and private property.

### *Self-Closing Hinges*

All residents' room, floor, and outside security doors are fitted with self-closing hinges. These mechanisms help prevent the rapid spread of fire by ensuring doors are properly closed. Residents may not remove these hinges from doors.

### *Fire Alarms and Fire Drills*

For resident safety, a fire drill will be conducted early in each semester. When a fire alarm sounds, residents should follow the instructions on the back of their room door. Fire drills, false alarms, and genuine fire alarms are indistinguishable.

Whenever the fire alarm sounds everyone MUST evacuate the building. Even in a building designed to be resistant to fire, a small wastebasket fire can quickly fill an area with smoke and deadly gases. Smoke is the major cause of death from fires within residence halls. For this reason, residents should be certain to close their room door and windows when evacuating in order to retard the spread of smoke. Hallway and stairwell fire doors should be closed at all times. Residents cannot re-enter the building until the Residential Life/Housing staff, Fire Department, or University Police Department gives an “all clear” signal.

Residents who fail to evacuate a residence hall building during a fire alarm or who do not follow the directives of fire, police, or residence hall staff will be referred to the University discipline system for judicial action.

Obstructing a doorway, exit, stairwell, or room door is a serious safety hazard.

### *Fire Extinguishers*

Fire extinguishers will be charged, available, and operable at all times. Tampering with fire extinguishers is a serious offense and could lead to your dismissal from the University.

### *Smoke Detectors*

Smoke detectors save lives! Students must submit a Request for Services to the area/hall office to report a damaged or faulty smoke detector. Only residence hall staff may disconnect smoke detectors; the building maintenance inspector will replace damaged or faulty detectors. Any resident who disconnects, covers, or otherwise tampers with a smoke detector will be assessed a \$250 fine and referred to the University discipline system. There is a \$120 minimum charge for tampering with a smoke detector in a central area. Also, state statute provides that tampering with, removing, or destroying a smoke detector is a Class A misdemeanor. This equipment is in place for residents’ safety and for that of neighboring rooms. Residents who tamper with fire equipment will be referred for judicial action and/or residence hall contract termination.

### *Appliances*

Residents may use a reasonable number of UL-approved electronic devices in their room so long as they do not present a fire hazard or consume an excess of power. Devices with an exposed heating element are considered a fire hazard. The following appliances are permitted in the residence halls:

- Alarm clock
- Blender
- Computer
- Curling iron, electric razor, and hairdryer
- Desk/study lamp
- Electric blanket
- Electric coffee maker/tea maker
- Fan

- Microwave (up to 800 watts)—one per room
- Popcorn popper
- Refrigerator (no more than 3.0 cubic feet)—one per room
- Video game consoles (PlayStation, Xbox, Wii, etc.)
- Stereo
- TV/DVD player/VCR
- Telephone/answering machine

### *Cooking*

Cooking meals is only permitted in designated hall or area kitchens. Hall kitchenettes are not intended for regular meal preparation because they cannot accommodate the number of residents in each hall.

Use of microwave ovens, popcorn poppers, or other approved electrical appliances is permitted in resident rooms for preparation of snacks. One micro-fridge unit is provided in all Sherman Hall and Daniels Hall rooms. Residents may not prepare meals in their room, as it is a violation of state health codes. Residents may be charged up to \$50 per occurrence or lose their Housing contract. Toasters, toaster-ovens, and "George Foreman"-type grills are not permitted in resident rooms at any time.

### *Extension Cords and Power Strips*

Extension cords are to be used with small electrical appliances only, such as an alarm clock, lamp, or popcorn popper, and should be sized for the electrical load being served. Only one appliance should be plugged in at a time. However, power strips with surge suppressants are strongly encouraged for all electrical needs, especially large appliances such as refrigerators, computers, and stereos. Power strip should include a self-contained fuse, which reduces the risk of a tripped circuit breaker on the floor.

### *Construction*

Construction such as panels, dividers, lofts, shelves, and bunks is not permitted. Residents may not place boards or weights on radiator covers or wall-mounted bookshelves, and may not place beds on top of other furniture. Hot tubs are not permitted.

### *Halogen Lamp*

Due to the high risk of fire, halogen lamps are not permitted in the residence halls.

### *Incense*

The residence halls are smoke-free environments; therefore, incense is not permitted in the halls.

### *Motorcycles/Scooters*

Motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, and all such motorized vehicles must be registered with the University, parked only in designated motorcycle lots, and operated in accordance with rules of the road for automobiles. They may not be driven on bike paths or sidewalks, and they may not

be brought inside any residence hall. Fuel or fuel containers (even if empty) may not be brought inside any room or building; doing so is prohibited by state statutes.

### *Room Inspections*

During announced periods and during vacations, staff members may inspect rooms to assess possible fire and life-safety hazards. Damages in resident's room will also be noted during these inspections. Staff does not open drawers or search through personal belongings. They will report apparent violations of regulations or statutes to the appropriate office. Residents are billed for damages, missing furniture, or irregularities encountered in the room.

Life-safety room inspections are conducted early in the fall semester and again as needed by the resident advisor or Housing Facilities staff. Staff will assess the hazards or life-safety concerns associated with the following items:

- Extension cords: damaged, overloaded, routed under carpet, not UL-approved, etc.
- Overloaded electrical outlets: UL approved power strips with circuit breakers should be used
- Refrigerators: less than three cubic feet, restricted to one per room, must be plugged directly into wall outlet
- Hazardous cooking and household appliances: microwaves are the only cooking appliances permitted; halogen lamps and space heaters are not permitted
- Flammable liquids: storage of kerosene, fuel, or fuel containers are not permitted
- Self-closing door hinges: may not be removed from student rooms and hallway doors
- Excessive combustible materials: excess trash / recyclables; ceilings, smoke detectors, walls or windows covered with drapes / posters; excessive holiday light strings; etc.
- Lofts: not permitted
- Furnishings contacting room heaters
- Smoke detector functioning and not tampered with: covered, disconnected, or removed
- Cigarettes, candles, incense: use is not permitted in the residence halls.

## C. Family & Graduate Housing Residents Handbook

### *Fire Safety Procedures:*

Immediately activate the building's fire alarm system. Evacuate the building unless otherwise notified.

Call 9-911 from any campus phone. Call 911 from a cell phone or from off campus.

### *If you discover a fire:*

1. Manually activate the building's fire alarm system.
2. Immediately evacuate the building, closing doors and windows behind you.

### 3. DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS.

4. Locate those persons with special needs, and provide assistance if possible. Otherwise, provide their location to emergency responders.
5. Report to your department's designated gathering point
6. Call 9-911 from any campus phone or 911 from a cell phone or from off campus.

#### *Once the fire alarm is activated:*

1. Walk quickly to the nearest exit. Do not use the elevators.
  2. If you are able, help those who need special assistance.
  3. Notify fire personnel if you believe someone may still be in the building.
  4. Gather away from the building and emergency responders at a pre-designated location.
- DO NOT re-enter the building until the fire department has cleared the scene.

#### *If caught in smoke:*

1. Do not breathe the smoke!
2. Drop to your knees and crawl to the closest safe exit.
3. Breathe through your nose, and use a shirt or towel to breathe through, if possible.

#### *If trapped in a building:*

1. Close all doors and windows.
2. Wet and place cloth material around and under the door to prevent smoke from entering.
3. Attempt to signal people outside of the building. Call for help using a telephone or cell phone.

#### *Fire Extinguishers*

Each apartment has a fire extinguisher that is inspected prior to a new resident's arrival and is checked by Housing Facilities Maintenance each year. It is important for you to read the instructions and know how to remove the fire extinguisher from the wall and operate it safely. Check the gauge monthly to make sure the needle is in the green area.

#### *Using a Fire Extinguisher:*

1. Report the fire first (call 9-911 from any campus phone, or call 911 from a cell phone or off campus).
2. Use a fire extinguisher only if you have been trained to do so. Improper use of an extinguisher can increase the hazard.

## **Fire Safety Education and Training Initiatives**

Each year, new student staff go through fire safety educational training conducted by the local fire departments, which include evacuation procedures, fire extinguisher training and general fire safety practices. Each floor within University Housing selects floor fire marshals who become peer educators by attending training similar to one of the student staff attends. These marshals are trained to assist in a time of crises.

The University of Illinois Fire Factor Academy is a day-long fire safety and prevention educational experience geared toward college students who learn through lectures, games, and hands-on activities. The Fire Factor Vision Statement includes the following objectives:

- Increase awareness of the dangers that are common in the college living environment
- Increase ability to escape from fires
- Increase ability to prevent fires
- Appreciate and understand the work of the fire service

University Housing has been a key supporter of this initiative and continues to train student staff through participation in the Fire House Academy

Year-long marketing plans have been developed to educate the residents through the use of posters, bulletin boards, and video messages on the topic of fire safety education.

Fire drills are conducted in undergraduate residence halls twice a year and once a year in graduate and upper-division residence halls.

## **Description of Fire Protective Features in the Residence Halls**

The University houses students in 13 undergraduate residence complexes with 1 to 4 halls in each complex and 2 graduate and upper-division residence halls. In addition, the University manages 3 multi-family apartment complexes for graduate students and students with families. This section provides a description of the fire protection features provided in each Housing facility.

1. Undergraduate
  - a. Ikenberry South –Weston Hall
  - b. Ikenberry South –Scott Hall
  - c. Ikenberry South –Snyder Hall
  - d. Ikenberry South- Taft-Van Doren Residence Halls
  - e. Ikenberry North – Hopkins Hall
  - f. Ikenberry North – Garner Hall
  - g. Ikenberry North – Forbes Hall
  - h. Ikenberry North – Clark-Barton-Lundgren Halls
  - i. Illinois Street Residence Hall (Townsend and Wardall)

- j. Busey and Evans Residence Halls
  - k. Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall (LAR and Allen)
  - l. Pennsylvania Avenue Residence Hall (Babcock, Blaisdell, Carr, Saunders)
  - m. Florida Avenue Residence Hall (Trelease and Oglesby)
2. Graduate and Upper-Division
    - a. Sherman Hall
    - b. Daniels Hall
  3. Family Housing
    - a. Goodwin-Green Apartments
    - b. Orchard Downs Apartments
    - c. Ashton Woods Apartments

*Ikenberry Commons South Halls (Weston, Scott, Snyder, and Taft-Van Doren Halls)*

Ikenberry South consists of five halls, each monitored by a supervised, addressable fire alarm system. The basement in Weston Hall and the lobby of Taft-Van Doren are protected by an automatic, supervised wet pipe sprinkler system that is integrated with the fire alarm system. The fire alarm system is continuously monitored and supervised by University of Illinois Public Safety Dispatch. Standpipes are located in each stairwell of each building. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are installed on each floor as well as throughout the common areas and mechanical spaces in the complex. Other features include an emergency generator to power emergency lights and exit signs. Elevator recall functions, magnetically-operated door hold open devices and air handling unit shutdown functions are also integrated with the fire alarm.

*Ikenberry Commons North Halls (Hopkins, Garner, Forbes, Clark, Barton and Lundgren Halls)*

Ikenberry North includes six halls, each monitored by a supervised, addressable fire alarm system. The fire alarm system is continuously monitored and supervised at University of Illinois Public Safety Dispatch. Standpipes are located in stairwells of each building. Clark Hall is protected throughout by an automatic, supervised wet pipe sprinkler system that is integrated with the fire alarm system. Multipurpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are installed on each floor as well as throughout the common areas and mechanical spaces in the complex. Other features include an emergency generator to power emergency lights and exit signs. Elevator recall functions, magnetically-operated door hold open devices and air handling unit shutdown functions are also integrated with the fire alarm. Clark Hall is equipped with a fire pump.

*Illinois Street Residence Halls (Wardall and Townsend Halls)*

Illinois Street Residence Halls are protected by an automatic, supervised wet pipe sprinkler system that is integrated with the building fire alarm system. The fire alarm system is continuously monitored and supervised at Public Safety dispatch. Cooking operations under the kitchen hoods are protected by special hazard chemical suppression systems, which are also integrated with the building fire alarm system. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are installed on each floor as well as throughout the common areas and mechanical spaces in the complex. Standpipes are located in each stairwells of each building. Other features include an emergency generator to power emergency lights and exit signs. Elevator recall

functions, magnetically-operated door hold open devices and air handling unit shutdown functions are also integrated with the fire alarm. The fire suppression system for the buildings is equipped with a fire pump.

#### *Busey and Evans Halls*

Busey residence hall is protected by an automatic, supervised wet pipe sprinkler system that is integrated with the building automatic addressable fire alarm system. The fire alarm system is continuously monitored and supervised at University of Illinois Public Safety dispatch. Cooking operations under the kitchen hoods are protected by special hazard wet chemical suppression systems, which are also integrated with the building fire alarm system. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are installed on each floor as throughout the common areas and mechanical spaces in the complex. Standpipes are located in each stairwell in each building. Other features include an emergency generator to power emergency lights and exit signs. Elevator recall functions, magnetically-operated door hold open devices and air handling unit shutdown functions are also integrated with the fire alarm.

#### *Lincoln Avenue Residence Halls (LAR and Allen Halls)*

Lincoln Avenue Residence Halls, which consist of Lincoln and Allen Halls, is protected by an automatic, supervised addressable fire alarm system. The fire alarm system is continuously monitored and supervised at University of Illinois Public Safety dispatch. Cooking operations under the kitchen hoods are protected by special hazard wet chemicals suppression systems, which are also integrated with the building fire alarm system. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are installed on each floor as well as throughout the common areas and mechanical spaces in the complex. Standpipes are located in each of the stairwells in each of the buildings. Other features include an emergency generator to power emergency lights and exit signs. Elevator recall functions, magnetically-operated door hold open devices and air handling unit shutdown functions are also integrated with the fire alarm.

#### *Pennsylvania Avenue Residence Halls (Babcock, Blaisdell, Carr and Saunders Halls)*

Pennsylvania Avenue Residence Halls, which include Babcock, Blaisdell, Carr and Saunders Halls, is protected throughout by an automatic, supervised wet pipe and dry pipe sprinkler system that is integrated with the building fire alarm system. The automatic addressable fire alarm system is continuously monitored and supervised at University of Illinois Public Safety dispatch. Cooking operations under the kitchen hoods are protected by special hazard wet chemicals suppression systems, which are also integrated with the building fire alarm system. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are installed on each floor as well as throughout the common areas and mechanical spaces in the complex. Standpipes are located in each stairwell in each building. Other features include an emergency generator to power emergency lights and exit signs. Elevator recall functions, magnetically-operated door hold open devices and air handling unit shutdown functions are also integrated with the fire alarm.

#### *Florida Avenue Residence Halls (Trelease and Oglesby Halls)*

Florida Avenue Residence Halls, which consist of Oglesby and Trelease Halls, is protected by an automatic, supervised wet pipe sprinkler system that is integrated with the building fire alarm system. The automatic addressable fire alarm system is continuously monitored and supervised at University of Illinois Public Safety dispatch. Cooking operations under the kitchen hoods are protected by special hazard wet chemicals suppression systems, which are also integrated with the building fire alarm system. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are installed on each floor as well as throughout the common areas and mechanical spaces in the complex. Standpipes are located in each stairwell in each building. Other features include an emergency generator to power emergency lights and exit signs. Elevator recall functions, magnetically-operated door hold open devices and air handling unit shutdown functions are also integrated with the fire alarm. Florida Avenue Residence Halls are equipped with a fire pump.

#### *Sherman Hall*

Sherman Hall is protected throughout by an automatic, supervised wet pipe sprinkler system that is integrated with the building's automatic addressable fire alarm system. The fire alarm system is continuously monitored and supervised at University of Illinois Public Safety dispatch. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are installed on each floor as well as throughout the common areas and mechanical spaces in the complex. Wet standpipes are located in each of the corridors of each building. Other features include an emergency generator to power emergency lights and exit signs. Elevator recall functions, magnetically-operated door hold open devices and air handling unit shutdown functions are also integrated with the fire alarm. Sherman Hall is equipped with a fire pump.

#### *Daniels Hall*

Daniels Hall is protected throughout by an automatic, supervised wet pipe sprinkler system that is integrated with the building fire alarm system. The automatic addressable fire alarm system is continuously monitored and supervised at University of Illinois Public Safety dispatch. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are installed on each floor as well as throughout the common areas and mechanical spaces in the complex. Wet standpipes are located in each stairwell of each of the building. Other features include an emergency generator to power emergency lights and exit signs. Elevator recall functions, magnetically-operated door hold open devices and air handling unit shutdown functions are also integrated with the fire alarm. Daniels Hall is equipped with a fire pump.

#### *Goodwin-Green Apartments*

Goodwin-Green Apartments are protected by an automatic, supervised building fire alarm system. The automatic addressable fire alarm system is continuously monitored and supervised at University of Illinois Public Safety dispatch. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are installed on each floor as well as throughout the common areas, basement storage areas and mechanical spaces in the complex. Standpipes are located in each stairwell of each building. Other features include an emergency generator to power emergency lights and exit signs. Elevator recall functions are also integrated with the fire alarm system.

### Orchard Downs Apartments

Orchard Downs consists of 70 apartment buildings (1 story – 3 stories), 2 stand-alone laundries, and a one-story community center. Each apartment is equipped with a hard-wired smoke detector and CO detector. The community center is equipped with an automatic, supervised dry pipe sprinkler system. All sprinkler systems are integrated with the fire alarm system. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are located in the kitchen of each apartment as well as in the Laundries and Community Center. Other features include battery-backup emergency lights and exit signs in the Community Center to illuminate the means of egress.

### Ashton Woods Apartments

Ashton Woods consists of 13 apartment buildings with 12 apartments and laundry area in each building. Each apartment is equipped with a smoke detector and CO detector. Smoke detectors are located in hallways and bedrooms, they are hard wired together. Multi-purpose ABC dry chemical fire extinguishers are located in the kitchen of each apartment, as well as in the laundry area.

## **Future Improvements Planned in the Residence Hall Fire Safety Program**

### *Projects for Completion in 2010, 2011 & 2012*

#### 2010

- Nugent Hall (Ikenberry North Complex) to open August of 2010. Nugent Hall is a new residence hall with fire suppression installed throughout and automatic addressable fire alarm system.
- Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall: Sprinkler system installation and fire alarm system upgrades
- Evans Residence Hall: Sprinkler system installation and fire alarm system upgrades

#### 2011

- Allen Residence Hall: Sprinkler system installation and fire alarm system upgrades
- Goodwin Green Apartments: Sprinkler system installation
- Scott Residence Hall: Sprinkler system installation and fire alarm systems upgrades
- Taft Van Doren Residence Halls: Sprinkler system installation and fire alarm systems upgrades

#### 2012

- Barton and Lundgren Residence Halls: Sprinkler system installation and fire alarm system upgrades
- Snyder Residence Hall: Sprinkler system installation and fire alarm system upgrades
- Weston Residence Hall: Sprinkler system installation and fire alarm system upgrades

NOTE: When work is completed in 2012 on above indicated projects, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will meet the requirements of the State of Illinois Life Safety Legislation passed in 2000, and updated in 2004 requiring all residence halls to have sprinkler systems installed by December 31, 2012. Additionally two residence halls, Garner and Hopkins Residence Halls, will not be done due to planned demolition in 2012 (Garner) and 2013 (Hopkins).

### **Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance, or Fire Protection Equipment**

The University Housing Facilities department administers this element of the campus fire safety program with support from campus Facilities and Services, University Housing Residential Life and Dining Services departments, and fire protection contractors. All fire protection equipment in the residence halls is tested, inspected, and maintained in accordance with applicable NFPA standards.

### **Emergency Evacuation Procedures**

If a fire occurs in a residence hall, the fire alarm response directly reports to Department of Public Safety dispatch, which summons first responders like the fire department. Because the fire alarm system is an addressable system, the responding engine company will be given information in route that identifies the specific location in the building that was activated. This feature saves critical time for the responders as they search for fire conditions when they arrive.

Fire alarm systems notify building occupants of a potential fire, thus initiating a building evacuation sequence. As conveyed during fire drills, building occupants are directed to the nearest building exit upon activation of the fire alarm system. Use of the elevators is strictly prohibited and is controlled by the fire department upon arrival to the fire call to assist in fire fighting and rescue efforts. Building occupants cannot re-enter the building until either Public Safety or the fire department indicates that it is safe to do so. After every fire alarm activation or reported fire condition, the resident director on duty is responsible for submitting a fire alarm report to the Office of Residential Life.

It is policy to maintain an active list of those occupants who may be permanently or temporarily disabled and unable to evacuate if the elevators are not operational. This list is coordinated by the Housing Information Office (assignment office) and this is kept on file in the residential area and at the fire department. The fire department has access to this list when responding to fire alarm activation so they can better prepare and strategize the potential rescue of physically disabled occupants. Emergency evacuation procedures for residents are posted on the back of each room door.

### **Fire Safety Statistics**

The fire statistics for the 2009 calendar year are provided in the following table. The category and cause of the fire follow the classifications used by the Department of Education.

<b>University Housing Summary of 2009 Fire Safety Statistics from Residential Life</b>						
<b>Residence Hall/Apartment Complex</b>	<b>Number of Actual Fires</b>	<b>Category*</b>	<b>Causes</b>	<b>Injuries</b>	<b>Fatalities</b>	<b>Value of Property Damages</b>
Ashton Woods	0					
Goodwin-Green	0					
Orchard Downs	1	B	Cooking	0	0	\$1,520
Daniels Hall	0					
Sherman Hall	0					
Forbes Hall	1	A		0	0	\$0
Garner Hall	2	A		0	0	\$0
		A		0	0	\$0
Hopkins Hall	0					
Lundgren Hall	0					
Barton Hall	0					
Taft Hall	0					
Van Doren Hall	0					
Lincoln Ave Res Hall	0					
Allen Hall	0					
Scott Hall	1	A		0	0	\$0
Snyder Hall	0					
Weston Hall	0					
Busey Hall	0					
Evans Hall	0					
Townsend Hall	0					
Wardall Hall	1	A		0	0	\$0
Oglesby Hall	0					
Trelease Hall	0					
Babcock Hall	1	A		0	0	\$0
Blaisdell Hall	1	B	Heating equipment	0	0	\$1,500
Carr Hall	0					
Saunders Hall	0					
<b>Total Fires</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>Damage \$ Total</b>		<b>\$3,020</b>

# Data derived from University Housing Residential Life files  
\* Category: (A) Undetermined, (B) Unintentional, (C) Intentional