

ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT



STATISTICS AND RELATED INFORMATION REGARDING FIRES IN ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES



The Higher Education Opportunity Act contains provisions from the Campus Fire Safety-Right- to-Know Act that was signed into law on August 14, 2008. The Higher Education Opportunity Act requires Eastern Illinois University to report fire safety information.

In compliance with appropriate provision of federal law, Eastern Illinois University is required to make reports available to the campus community, all current students and to prospective students pertaining to fire safety. Institutions maintaining on-campus student housing facilities must collect fire statistics, publish an Annual Fire Safety Report and maintain a fire log. Per the HEOA directive the Annual Fire Reports contains:

1. Fire statistics submitted to the Department
2. Description of on-campus housing facilities fire safety systems
3. Number of fire drills during the previous calendar year
4. Policies on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in housing facilities
5. Procedures for evacuation due to fires in student housing
6. Policies on fire safety education and training programs
7. List of titles of persons to report fires on campus, for purposes of inclusion in statistics
8. Plans for future improvement in fire safety, if necessary

DEFINITIONS PURSUANT TO 34 CFR § 668.49- INSTITUTIONAL FIRE SAFETY POLICIES AND FIRE

Cause of fire: The factor or factors that give rise to a fire. The causal factor may be, but is not limited to, the result of an intentional or unintentional action, mechanical failure, or act of nature.

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.

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, employees, visitors, firefighters, or any other individuals.

Fire-related death: Any instance in which a person -

(1) 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; or

(2) Dies within one year of injuries sustained as a result of the fire.

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. This may include sprinkler systems 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; and fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of a fire.

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. This estimate should include contents damaged by fire, and related damages caused by smoke, water, and overhaul; however, it does not include indirect loss, such as business interruption.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY POLICIES ON PORTABLE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, SMOKING, OPEN FLAMES AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

DESCRIPTION OF FIRE SYSTEMS

The Housing department has protected student’s rooms by installing sprinkler systems, upgrading the fire detection, and alarm systems. The campus has finished protected resident halls by installing fire speakers’ systems. University started the fire protection improvement in 1996.

FIRE TRAINING AND FIRE DRILLS

Each year, the Housing staff receives two training sessions before the academic year starts. The staff receives training on managing all emergencies sessions including fire. An additional training period is devoted to fire extinguisher training and practical exercise. The training concludes with a fire simulation exercise called “Get Out Alive.” A hallway in one of the Halls is filled with smoke and Housing staff will evacuate the hallway under extreme conditions. This “Get Out Alive” training is well received and will continue to be part of the training program for the staff.

The Housing residents receive fire preparedness training by the Housing staff on what to expect during a fire alarm. Once each semester the fire alarms are activated for each Housing building and full evacuation is conducted by the

Housing staff. The drills conclude when the residents assemble in the Hall's designated relocation area. Two drills are conducted each year to monitor the response actions of the residents during a drill.

The University's Emergency Handbook is on display in Student housing facility and Academic Building. Listed in the Emergency Handbook are steps to take if you discover a fire and methods to protect oneself during a fire.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Evacuation procedures vary from building to building. You will find yours posted on the back of your room door. They have been designed to empty the building safely and quickly.

Residents are required to leave the building promptly if an alarm is sounded. Failure to follow evacuation procedures will result in a minimum \$50 fine. When the fire alarm has been shut off, a staff member, fire fighter and/or University Police Officer will allow you to re-enter the building. All fires must be reported to a member of the housing staff, even if an alarm is not sounded, so that the extinguisher may be refilled and the area cleaned.”

Housing staff is trained in the five-step process of evacuation: pull the alarm to get help coming, knock on room doors and shut the doors behind them, reassemble the floor occupants at the reassembly point outside of the building, and accountability reporting to the fire department. Staff is recognized by the fire department as part of the Incident Command Structure for the incident.

FIRE REPORTING PROCEDURE

At the first indication of a fire or smoke in the building, a fire alarm is activated by manual activation or fire detection /suppression system. The fire alarm is reported to central dispatch of emergency services (911). 911 will dispatch the University Police Department and Charleston Fire Department by using incident command structure. The fire scene will be managed by the Charleston Fire Department by using incident command structure. Small fire on campus that may not activate the smoke detector should also be reported to your building coordinator in academic buildings. If the small fire occurs in a student housing facility, you should report the fire to the floor resident assistant, hall director, or the University Housing office.

INSTITUTION'S PLAN FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENT OF FIRE SAFETY

The University has completed installing sprinkler systems in the halls. Along with the sprinkler systems upgrade will be upgrade of the fire alarm detection and warning. Most of the halls will be equipped with a voice alarm system. The new warning system will also play messages concerning tornado and emergency notifications. The evacuation times have improved in the buildings that have the new voice warning system.

Education for the building occupants will be ongoing. Departmental review of Emergency Plans will include fire evacuation routes and accountability of occupants. A poster campaign in conjunction with United State Fire Academy will continue addressing the need to maintain smoke detectors. Another project that may be planned is to build a “demonstration” residence room to illustrate how fast the room will burn.

POLICIES ON APPLIANCES|SMOKING|OPENFLAMES|OTHER POTENTIAL HAZARDS

Portable Electrical Appliances

There are kitchenettes and microwaves located in each residence hall and Greek Court chapter house. The use of cooking appliances in your room is strictly prohibited. The only exception is an 800-WATT microwave."

Items that should be left at home

- Electric blankets
- Cooking appliances other than microwaves
- Portable electric heating units
- Halogen lamps without safety grid and wattage over 300 watts
- Candles, incense and other open flames

Smoking

"Effective July 1st, 2015, in accordance with the Illinois Smoke Free Campus Act, 410 ILCS 82/1-90, the use of all tobacco products is prohibited on all campus property, both indoors and outdoors, including buildings, grounds, parking lots, and vehicles that are owned, leased, occupied, operated, or otherwise controlled by Eastern Illinois University.

The advertising, sale, or free sampling of tobacco products is also prohibited on campus property. Littering the remains of tobacco products or any other related waste product on campus property is further prohibited by the Illinois Litter Control Act, 415 ILCS 105/1-14.

This policy applies to any individual on campus property, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, other employees, contractors, subcontractors, volunteers, visitors, and members of the public, and is applicable at all times."

Open Flames:

Candles, oil lamps, incense or any other combustible materials are not allowed in any University housing facility. Posters on doors, fishnets, crepe paper, potpourri and other combustibles in your room are prohibited.



2021 FIRE STATISTICS

RESIDENTIAL HALLS	TOTAL FIRES IN 2021	CAUSE OF FIRE	NUMBER OF INJURIES THAT REQUIRED TREATMENT AT A MEDICAL FACILITY	NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO FIRE	ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE
Andrews Hall 2150 7th Street	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Carmen Hall 2207 9th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Powell-Norton Hall 280 Grant Avenue	0	N/A	0	0	0
East Hall 2103 12th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Ford Hall 1867 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Lincoln Hall 360 Grant Avenue	0	N/A	0	0	0
Pemberton Hall 1521 4th Street	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
McKinney Hall 1907 4th Street	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Stevenson Hall 320 Grant Avenue	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Taylor Hall 2121 4th Street	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Lawson Hall 2151 Wth Street	4	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Thomas Hall 2120 7th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Weller Hall 1921 4th Street	3	2-Burnt Food 1- Candle	0	0	0
University Apartments	0	0	0	0	0
University Court Buildings					
Bloomfield	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Cooper	0	N/A	0	0	0
Elliot	0	N/A	0	0	0
Gabbard	0	N/A	0	0	0
Giffin	0	N/A	0	0	0
Hampton	0	N/A	0	0	0
Lancaster	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Office	0	N/A	0	0	0
Ringenberg	0	N/A	0	0	0
Saunders	0	N/A	0	0	0
Yorkshire	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Greek Court					
Greek Court #1	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Greek Court #2	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #3	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #4	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #5	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #6	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #7	2	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Greek Court #8	0	N/A	0	0	0

2020 FIRE STATISTICS

RESIDENTIAL HALLS	TOTAL FIRES IN 2021	CAUSE OF FIRE	NUMBER OF INJURIES THAT REQUIRED TREATMENT AT A MEDICAL FACILITY	NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO FIRE	ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE
Andrews Hall 2150 7th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Carmen Hall 2207 9th Street	1	Light Fixture Caused fire in basement of food services	0	0	0
Powell-Norton Hall 280 Grant Avenue	0	N/A	0	0	0
East Hall 2103 12th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Ford Hall 1867 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Lincoln Hall 360 Grant Avenue	0	N/A	0	0	0
Pemberton Hall 1521 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
McKinney Hall 1907 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Stevenson Hall 320 Grant Avenue	1	Cooking Incident	0	0	0
Taylor Hall 2121 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Lawson Hall 2151 Wth Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Thomas Hall 2120 7th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Weller Hall 1921 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
University Apartments	0	0	0	0	0
University Court Buildings					
Bloomfield	0	N/A	0	0	0
Cooper		Cooking Incident	0	0	0
Elliot	0	N/A	0	0	0
Gabbard	0	N/A	0	0	0
Giffin	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Hampton	0	N/A	0	0	0
Lancaster		N/A	0	0	0
Office	0	N/A	0	0	0
Ringenberg	0	N/A	0	0	0
Saunders	0	N/A	0	0	0
Yorkshire	1	Burnt Food	0	0	0
Greek Court Buildings					
Greek Court #1	1	Rpt. 20-0125	0	0	0
Greek Court #2	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #3	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #4	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #5	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #6	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #7	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #8	1	Cooking Incident	0	0	0

2019 FIRE STATISTICS

RESIDENTIAL HALLS	TOTAL FIRES IN 2021	CAUSE OF FIRE	NUMBER OF INJURIES THAT REQUIRED TREATMENT AT A MEDICAL FACILITY	NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO FIRE	ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE
Andrews Hall 2150 7th Street	1	Hot Oil Overheating on Stove Top	0	0	0
Carmen Hall 2207 9th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Powell-Norton Hall 280 Grant Avenue	1	Rpt. 17-0245	0	0	0
East Hall 2103 12th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Ford Hall 1867 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Lincoln Hall 360 Grant Avenue	0	N/A	0	0	0
Pemberton Hall 1521 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
McKinney Hall 1907 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Stevenson Hall 320 Grant Avenue	0	N/A	0	0	0
Taylor Hall 2121 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Lawson Hall 2151 Wth Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Thomas Hall 2120 7th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Weller Hall 1921 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
University Apartments	0	0	0	0	0
University Court Buildings					
Bloomfield	0	N/A	0	0	0
Cooper		N/A	0	0	0
Elliot	1	Grease Fire from Cooking	0	0	0
Gabbard	1	Rpt. 15-0300	0	0	0
Giffin	0	N/A	0	0	0
Hampton	1	Dumpster Fire Rpt. 15-0173	0	0	0
Lancaster	0	N/A	0	0	0
Office	0	N/A	0	0	0
Ringenberg	0	N/A	0	0	0
Saunders	0	N/A	0	0	0
Yorkshire	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court Buildings					
Greek Court #1	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #2	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #3	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #4	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #5	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #6	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #7	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #8	0	N/A	0	0	0

FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS AND ROOM PROTECTED					
BUILDING	SPRINKLER	SMOKE DETECTOR	CO DETECTOR	EMERGENCY LIGHTS	FLOOR DIAGRAM
Andrews Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carmen Hall (North)	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carman Hall (South)	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Powell-Norton Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
East Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ford Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lincoln Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pemberton Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKinney Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stevenson Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Taylor Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lawson Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Weller Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Douglas Hall	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
University Apartments	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
University Court Buildings					
Bloomfield	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cooper	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Elliot	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gabbard	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Giffin	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hampton	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lancaster	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Office	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ringenberg	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saunders	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yorkshire	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greek Court Buildings					
Greek Court #1	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greek Court #2	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greek Court #3	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greek Court #4	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greek Court #5	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greek Court #6	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greek Court #7	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greek Court #8	Existing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

CALENDAR YEAR	FIRE ALARMS	FIRES	INJURIES	DEATHS
2021 TOTALS	77	21	0	0