

# Fire Safety and Prevention

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The university maintains fire suppression and detection equipment in residence halls as required by NFPA, state, and local fire regulations. This consists of smoke detectors, pull stations, horn and strobe units, sprinkler systems and automatic notification equipment that alerts the fire department immediately upon alarm activation. Campus Security officers are trained to assist the Cedarville Township Volunteer Fire Department in building evacuations during fire drills, fire alarms, or other emergencies. The following statistics are presented for your information and are maintained by the Director of Campus Safety & Security.

## FIRE RELATED STATISTICS FOR RESIDENT HALL FACILITIES

Cases Reported	Year 2008	Year 2009	Year 2010
Actual Fires	1	0	0
<b>Actual Fire Causes:</b>			
Cooking	1	0	0
Electrical Equipment Malfunction	0	0	0
Intentionally Set (arson)	0	0	0
Fire Related Injuries	0	0	0
Fire Related Deaths	0	0	0
Fire Related Property Damage (value)	0	0	0
<b>Number of Fire Alarms:</b>			
System Malfunction	10	14	4
Unintentional Activation	4	15	5
Intentional Activation	0	0	2
<b>Fire Drills (one per semester)</b>	N/A	20	20
<b>TOTAL CASES REPORTED:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>

## DESCRIPTION OF EACH RESIDENT HALL FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS:

Resident Halls	Central Alarm System	Sprinklers – each Sleeping Room	Smoke Detector Systems	Automatic Communicator to Fire Dept.
Brock – Men	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carr - Men	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cedar Park Apts.	No	No	Yes	No
Faith - Women	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Harriman – Men	No	No	Yes	No
Huffman House – Men	No	No	Yes	No
Johnson - Women	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lawlor – Men	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maddox – Women	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marshall – Men	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McChesney – Men	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McKinney – Women	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Murphy - Women	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Palmer – Men	No	No	Yes	No
Printy – Women	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rickard – Men	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rogers – Men	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shrubsole House – Men	No	No	Yes	No
St. Clair – Men	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Willets - Women	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## Summary of Basic Fire Response Procedures:

In the event of a fire alarm or actual fire, all students and employees must follow the procedures outlined in our campus fire response plan. To see the complete details please go to the Campus Safety & Security website, under Emergency Procedures ([click here](#)).

- **Activate the nearest Fire Alarm pull station.** If you're in a building that does not have pull stations, warn the other occupants by knocking on doors and shouting as you leave\*.
- **Notify 911 immediately** and contact Campus Security. Provide the exact location and details of the fire situation.
- **Confine the fire** by closing all doors in the area and rescue anyone in immediate danger, if it is safe to do so.
- **Evacuate the building** via the nearest exit, in a controlled yet rapid manner. All persons are to utilize stairs, not elevators during a fire alert situation. Walk to the outside of the building at a distance of at least 50 – 100 feet, keeping the main building egress clear for incoming emergency vehicles.
- **Remain outside** until the Fire Department and Campus Security arrive to assess the situation, which includes a search of the building for any remaining occupants. Approval to return to the building is subject to authorization by the Fire Chief.

*\*Note: If you are in a residence hall and a fire alarm sounds automatically, follow steps 2 through 5 even if you do not observe actual fire or smoke.*

## Other Pertinent Information Regarding Campus Fire Safety:

**Reporting of Fires** – all fires occurring on campus must be reported immediately to the Campus Safety & Security Department.

**Fire Drills** – a minimum of one Fire Drill for residence halls will be scheduled during the fall and spring semesters, at a time when the majority of students are in their rooms. Scheduling will be coordinated by the Resident Director and Campus Safety & Security Department.

**Training** – Resident Directors will insure that all residents are informed of fire procedures during the start of the fall semester. Resident Directors and Assistants receive a yearly review at the beginning of each new academic school year by the Campus Safety & Security Department. Faculty/staff are reminded on an annual basis to review the fire procedures made available on the campus safety website. Specialized training is provided as necessary.

**Portable Appliances** – the use of portable heaters, halogen lamps without safety guards, cooking devices such as hot plates, etc. are not permissible in all office and residential areas of

the campus. To further elaborate, portable heaters are absolutely forbidden in all campus environments.

**Smoking, Candle Use, etc.** – smoking, the use of candles, incense, matches, potpourri, kerosene lanterns or lamps, or any other open flame is not permissible in any resident hall. The storage of combustible fuels, paints, or oil is also forbidden.

**Extension Cords** – only those with surge protection are permitted (power strips with surge protection). Multi-ply adaptors and the interconnection of extension cords are not permitted. Extension cords must not be run through doors or windows.

**Fire Log** – the university maintains a log of any fire or alarm that occurred in an on-campus student residence facility. The log is open to public inspection during normal business hours and is maintained in the Campus Safety & Security office in the HRS Center. Information contained on the log, includes: the nature of the incident, date, time, cost of damages and general location of each fire and/or alarm.

For further information relative to fire safety on campus, please refer to the Campus Safety & Security website and reference the Fire and Evacuation Procedures and Q & A that has been made available. Cedarville University is always involved in an on-going evaluation of its resident halls and buildings to ensure that safe conditions are maintained and upgrades are made as necessary. The Cedarville Township Fire Department is also active in conducting comprehensive fire inspections of all campus buildings.