# **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. The following report details all information required by this Act.

## **Fire Incident Reporting**

As a part of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA), federal law requires colleges and universities to disclose certain timely and annual information about campus fire incidents and safety policies for all on campus housing facilities. All public and private institutions of postsecondary education participating in federal student aid programs are subject to this reporting. A paper copy of this report is available upon request in the Campus Safety Office.

## **Residence Hall Fire Drills**

Fire drills are conducted three times per year, with further testing as necessary. A log of fire drill dates and results is housed in the Campus Safety Office.

## **Electrical Appliances, Smoking, and Open Flames**

Small electrical appliances are permitted in student rooms provided their use does not disturb other residents or create a potential fire hazard. Appliances with an open coil or burner, air conditioners, indoor grills, halogen lamps, BBQ grills, and gas appliances are not permitted within the building(s), Rimview courtyard, or Jorgenson walkways and lawn. In addition, all appliances with heating elements must have an automatic shut-off feature.

Policies concerning the use of specific electrical appliances can be found online at <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VZ6\_PxU1k1SJ05X8NedBsTppsHZL3UIT/view</u>.

Smoking on RMC property is prohibited. The use of open flames inside the residence halls is also prohibited.

## **Fire Safety Education and Training Programs**

All new residential hall students are educated regarding fire policies and evacuation procedures for each residence hall upon arrival. Evacuation procedures are also posted in respective buildings.

## Plans for Future Improvements in Fire Safety

Fire safety will be reviewed annually prior to disseminating the Annual Safety Report in an effort to update or improve current practices and procedures. New programs and education may be developed as needed based on recent trends or incidents, in order to maintain the safety of the campus community.

## **Fire Safety Devices**

Widenhouse, Rimview, and Jorgenson Halls are equipped with automatic sprinkler fire suppression systems. Anderson and Widenhouse Halls utilize interior alarms and warning lights

through the corridors and common areas, with Rimview and Jorgenson Halls employing large exterior alarms, as well as interior alarms within the common areas.

Facility	Fire Alarm Monitor ing (Off- Site)	Sprinkle r System in student rooms	Smoke Detecto rs in student rooms	Sprinkle r System in commo n areas	Smoke Detecto rs in commo n areas	Fire Extingui shers in commo n areas	Evacuati on Plans and Placards	# Of Fire Drills Conduct ed Per Calenda r Year
Anderson	YES	NO	YES	NO	Partial	YES	No	3
Jorgenson	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	3
Rimview	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	3
Widenhou se	YES	YES	YES	Partial	Partial	YES	NO	3

**Fire Safety Statistics** 

	Year	Fire	Deat	Injury	Fire Cause	Value of Property
<b>On-Campus Residential</b>		S	h			Damage \$
Housing Locations						
Anderson Hall	2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Anderson Hall	2022	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2023	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jorgenson Hall	2022	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2023	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dimensional I all	2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rimview Hall	2022	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2023	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Widenhouse Hall	2022	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2023	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A