

How Safe Is Our Campus?

Does every student's room have a smoke alarm?

Yes!

Does it send a signal to campus security or the fire department?

When a smoke detector is activated it sends a signal to the University Emergency Communications Center.

How many false alarms have occurred in the residence halls?

We receive a limited number of false alarms every year. Most of them are system malfunctions or caused by contractors working in buildings. The number of malicious fire alarms is very minimal. The fire system has drastically reduced the malicious false alarms. We also have a program to replace old alarm systems that are causing false alarms.

Is the fire department IMMEDIATELY notified whenever ANY fire alarm system is activated?

Yes, the alarm systems are tied into the Emergency Communications Center and the University Fire Department is immediately dispatched to all alarms. The fire department also responds to phone calls for odor and smoke investigations – prior to the activation of any alarm.

Are smoking, candles, and halogen lamps prohibited in the residence halls?

Yes we do not allow any items that pose a fire hazard to be used in any of our residences, dorm rooms, apartments etc.

Does the school have policies that electrical appliances and power strips be certified as safe and reliable and are UL listed?

Yes and we inspect all buildings yearly (residence halls twice a year) to enforce the use of listed and approved appliances.

How much fire prevention training does the residence hall staff receive?

We provide yearly training to R.A.'s and this year we will have our first R.A. Academy in August. We also work closely with R.A.'s for special events in the residence halls.

How often are evacuation drills conducted?

Drills are conducted once a semester.

What is the school's disciplinary policy towards students that cause false alarms or fail to evacuate during an alarm?

We have a fine program in place and in some cases we will file criminal charges against individuals who jeopardize other students.

Does the school provide fire extinguisher training for the students?

No, all of our residential halls are fully sprinklered. About 98% of our classroom and office buildings are also sprinklered. With a full-time fire department on campus we do not want our students to try and fight a fire, we want them to activate an alarm and get out of the building.

Additional information can be found at www.campusfire.org