



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

# 2023 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, 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 provisions of federal law, Eastern Illinois University is required to make reports available to the campus community, all current students, and prospective students on 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 Report 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 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 others.

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

- (1) Is killed because 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 because 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 replacement cost 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 students' 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 APPLICANCES | 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 always applicable.”

**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.

CALENDAR YEAR	FIRE ALARMS	FIRES	INJURIES	DEATHS
2022 TOTAL	41	8	0	0
2021 TOTAL	77	21	0	0

2022 FIRE STATISTICS					
RESIDENTIAL HALLS	TOTAL FIRES IN 2022	CAUSE OF FIRE	NUMBER OF INJURIES THAT	NUMBER OF	ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE
Andrews Hall 2150 7th Street	0	N/A	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
Pemberton Hall 1521 4th Street	2	Cooking	0	0	0
McKinney Hall 1907 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Stevenson Hall 320 Grant Avenue	1	Cooking	0	0	0
Taylor Hall 2121 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
Lawson Hall 2151 Wth Street	1	Cooking	0	0	0
Thomas Hall 2120 7th Street	1	Cooking	0	0	0
Weller Hall 1921 4th Street	0	N/A	0	0	0
University Apartments		N/A	0	0	0
<b>UNIVERSITY COURT APARTMENTS</b>	<b>11 BUILDING THREE-STORY APARTMENT COMPLEX</b>	<b>MAILING ADDRESS: APARTMENT # (BUILDING NAME) CHARLESTON, IL 61920</b>			
Bloomfield	0	N/A	0	0	0
Cooper	0	N/A	0	0	0
Elliot	1	Cooking	0	0	0
Gabbard	0	N/A	0	0	0
Giffin	0	N/A	0	0	0
Hampton	1	Cooking	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
<b>GREEK COURT BUILDINGS</b>	<b>GREEK ORGANIZATIONS</b>				
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
Greek Court #4	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #5	0	N/A	0	0	0
Greek Court #6	1	Cooking	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
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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
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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