



Houston Baptist University
Annual Fire Report for 2015
Including Statistics from 2013 - 2014

INTRODUCTION:

This report contains information related to fire safety in campus housing at Houston Baptist University (HBU), in compliance with the requirements of the 1998 Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, and the 2008 Revision to the Higher Education Opportunity Act. The office of the Associate Vice President for Facilities Operations creates this report on an annual basis, relying on information provided by collaborative departments including, but not limited to, the HBU's Campus Police and the Department of Residence Life.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS:

Evacuation drills are coordinated by the HBU Director of Residence Life in collaboration with the HBU Police Department each semester for all residential facilities on the campus. The emergency response and evacuation procedures are tested at least twice each year. During the drill, occupants "practice" drill procedures and familiarize themselves with the location of exits and the sound of the fire alarm. In addition to educating the occupants of the building about the evacuation procedures during the drills, the process also provides the university an opportunity to test the operation of the fire alarm system components. Drills are unannounced. Records of the dates and times of these drills are maintained by the Resident Life office.

FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS:

All residential buildings are inspected routinely by the Houston Fire Department and comply with all existing regulations and applicable NFPA code. The buildings have a combination of fire sprinklers and/or active and passive alarms with audible and visual alerts. These systems are tested regularly and are monitored off-site 24 hours a day. In the event of an alarm, the Houston Fire Department and the Houston Baptist University Police are immediately dispatched. Likewise, Emergency call boxes have been prominently added to various areas around the campus for faster reporting of fires and other emergencies.

FIRE SAFETY TRAINING:

The Residence Life staff annually hold a "Safety Day" training which includes tips on maintaining a fire safe environment and safe evacuation in the case of a suspected or actual fire event.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS:

In the coming year, the University plans on adding a number of additional evacuation drills to include administrative and academic spaces. An integration of the alarm notifications with the HBU alert system is also being studied.

POLICIES ON RELATED TO FIRE HAZZARDS:

HBU is committed to creating a smoke free environment. Therefore, the University prohibits smoking anywhere on University property, including all residential areas, except in private vehicles. Contact Student Health for more information on smoking cessation.

Open flames and the burning of incense are fire hazards and are strictly prohibited.

Cooking appliances with an open heat source are not permitted in student rooms. Broiler ovens, heaters, hot plates, other appliances, or other similar items are serious fire hazards and, therefore are NOT permitted in student rooms. Devices using an open flame such as candles, portable gas stoves, grills, fondue pots, gas burner hot plates, or gas lanterns are also prohibited in student rooms. Popcorn poppers, rice cookers, hot pots, coffee pots, and/or microwaves (must be 1000 watts or less) are permitted.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

Building	Year	Fires	Cause of Fire	Injuries	Deaths	Value of Damage
Men's Residence College	2013	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2014	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2015	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's Residence College	2013	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2014	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2015	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mest Wing	2013	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2014	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2015	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hodo Resident College	2013	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2014	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2015	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Husky Village	2013	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2014	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2015	1	Appliance electrical short	0	0	\$15,000

CONCLUSION:

Fire Safety is the responsibility of all staff members and students. Please report any conditions you believe to be dangerous to the HBU Police Department or Residence Life Staff. Working together we can create a vibrant learning and living environment which is safe for everyone.