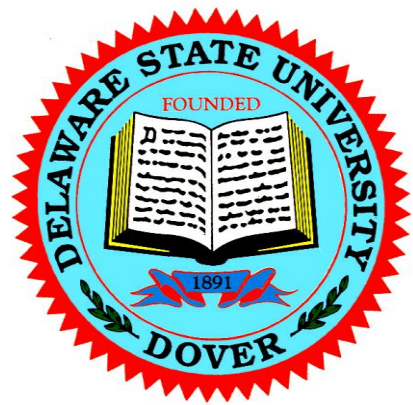


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The core components of the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act became federal law with the passage of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. These principal elements will prove crucial in helping campus fire officials gather the information they need to begin to gain a more accurate and defined picture of how fire affects campuses across the United States.

FIRE SAFETY REPORT FOR RESIDENTIAL HOUSING

If a fire occurs in a DSU residential housing facility, students in that facility should immediately notify DSU Dept. of Public Safety (DSUDPS) at 4444(on campus), 302-857-7092(after hours) or 302-857-6290 (automated system).

The DSUDPS will initiate a response through its Communications Center and will summon the fire department, if needed. If a member of the DSU housing community finds evidence of a fire that has been extinguished and the person is not sure whether DSUDPS has already responded, the residential student should immediately notify DSUDPS to investigate and document the incident.

The fire alarms alert the housing community members of potential hazards, and residential students are required to heed the warning and evacuate the buildings immediately upon hearing a fire alarm in a facility.

Use the nearest stairwell and/or exit to leave the building immediately. Community members should familiarize themselves with the exits in each building. The Fire Marshall can levy fines and penalties to individuals who fail to evacuate a building promptly – but a more important reason for evacuating is for safety reasons!

When a fire alarm is activated, the elevators in most buildings will stop automatically. Occupants should use the stairs to evacuate the building. If you are caught in the elevator, push the emergency phone button. The emergency phones in elevators on campus typically ring to the DSUDPS Dispatcher Center.

DSUDPS and University Risk Management publish this Fire Safety Report as part of its annual Clery Act Compliance document, via this brochure, which contains information with respect to the fire safety practices and standards for DSU.

This report includes statistics concerning the number of fires, the cause of each fire, the number of injuries and deaths related to a fire, and the value of the property damage caused by a fire. The compliance document is available for review 24 hours a day on the DSUDPS website at <http://www.desu.edu>

Fire Protection Equipment/Systems

A majority of University buildings are equipped with automatic fire detection and alarm systems which are constantly monitored by staff at the DSUDPS and outside monitoring company.

Review the Fire Safety Amenities in DSU Residential Facilities Chart for information about fire detection, notification, and suppression systems in each residential facility.

Health and Safety Inspections

The Housing Office performs Residence Hall Inspections monthly during the fall and spring semesters.

Inspections will be announced only during the first round of the fall semester. All other inspections are unannounced.

The inspections are primarily designed to find and eliminate safety violations. Students are required to read and comply with the University Residential Life Conduct Guidelines, which include inspections and all other rules and regulations for residential buildings. The inspections include, but are not limited to, a visual examination of electrical cords, sprinkler heads, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and other life safety systems.

In addition, each room will be examined for the presence of prohibited items (e.g., sources of open flames, such as candles; non-surge protected extension cords; halogen lamps; portable cooking appliances in non kitchen areas; etc.) or prohibited activity (e.g., smoking in the room; tampering with life safety equipment; possession of pets; etc.).

This inspection will also include a general assessment of food and waste storage and cleanliness of the room. Prohibited items will be immediately disabled with a locking device or confiscated and donated/discarded if found, without reimbursement.

Fire Safety Tips

Buildings are equipped with a variety of features that are designed to detect, stop and/or suppress the spread of a fire.

A door can be the first line of defense against the spread of smoke or fire from one area to another. Some doors, such as fire doors in corridors or stairwells of residence halls, are designed to stand up to fire longer than those of an individual room. It is important that these doors are CLOSED for them to work. Additionally, if a door has a device that automatically closes the door, it should NOT be propped open.

Sprinklers are 98% effective in preventing the spread of fire when operating properly. DO NOT obstruct the sprinkler heads with materials like clothing hanging from the piping.

Smoke detectors cannot do their job if they are disabled or covered by the occupant, which is a violation of University Policy.

Almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of all fires that are caused by smoking material are the result of a cigarette being abandoned or disposed of carelessly. Smoking is NOT PERMITTED in any DSU building.

A daily fire log is available for review and must be request through the office of Risk Management and DSUDPS. The information in the fire log typically includes information about fires that occur in residential facilities, including the nature, date, time, and general location.

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