

LIFE UNIVERSITY

Fire Safety

Student Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems

Fire alarms systems are monitored 24 hours/day, seven days/week by an off site monitoring company which notifies Life Campus Safety and Facilities in advent of fire alarm or trouble alarm. Information on specific residential buildings is posted in the chart on following pages. A majority of the college buildings are equipped with automatic fire detection and alarm systems that are constantly monitored by off site monitoring company.

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. DO NOT obstruct 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 college policy.

Reporting a Fire

Persons reporting a fire are encouraged to call Campus Safety at 770-426-2911 and 911 if safe to do so. If there is a fire in your area and the alarm has not sounded, you should immediately activate a local fire alarm pull station.

Evacuation of Student Housing Facilities in the Event of Fire

- Remain calm and close the windows in the room.
- Take only clothing that will be needed for the type of weather conditions that exist. Do not try and collect personal items to take with you.
- Turn off any electrical items you made have on at the time, including lights and a stove/oven.
- Stay low if you are going through smoke or toxic fumes.
- Leave by the nearest exit. When a fire alarm is active any door to the building may be used to exit so long as it is safe to do so.
- Do not use elevators. Use only the stairs.
- Never attempt to go back into the building even if the alarm stops sounding. Wait until Life University personnel have cleared the building and given the permission to re-enter.
- In an actual emergency if you are trapped and not able to exit a room or the building, yell for help and call Life University Campus Safety at 770-426-2911 or Campus Extension 2911 using a phone in the building or your cellular phone. Be sure you can give your location in the building as best as you can so an officer can locate and assist you.

Fire Safety Improvements and Upgrades

Life University Campus Safety Office, Physical Plant, and the Office of Student Affairs, annually review the fire systems in our residence halls and will make upgrades, repairs or revisions when problems are identified. Life University constantly seeks to improve the quality of our Fire Safety Systems through upgrades and expansion.

Health and Safety Checks

Life University believes that residence halls should be a clean and safe environment in which to live. In an effort to minimize chances of health problems, fire and/or bodily injury, health and safety checks will be conducted by Residence Life and property management staff to focus on potentially hazardous situations within the residence halls. Normally, these checks are conducted when the residence halls are closed for breaks.

Fire Safety: Education and Training

Fire Drills in Student Housing Facilities

Fire drills are held once a quarter for each residence hall. Fire drills are a mandatory supervised evacuation of a building for a fire. Fire drills are scheduled with Life University Campus Safety Office and individual residence hall staff.

Fire Safety Training

All Resident Assistants receive fire safety related training at the start of each school year. Physical Plant employees receive fire safety training as part of their on-going OSHA training.

All residence halls are equipped with fire detection and firefighting equipment. All residents should familiarize themselves with the emergency escape plan for their residence hall.

Throughout the year fire alarm systems will be tested to ensure they are in working order. When an alarm sounds all occupants must vacate the facility for their own safety and so fire fighters may work undisturbed. In the event of an actual fire, the local fire department will notify residents when it is safe to re-enter a building. Students should assume all alarms are actual emergencies and respond accordingly.

Items not Allowed in Residence Halls

While the Office of Student Affairs reserves the right to make determinations about the appropriateness of items within the residential community, in general, students are prohibited from possessing or using the following items in the residence halls or on the Life University campus unless otherwise authorized:

- Candles, candle warmers, or incense
- Dangerous and/or other flammable chemicals
- Hookahs, E-cigarettes, vapors
- Household items that include but are not limited to: Halogen lamps, sun lamps, space heaters (including Polonis fan type units), hot plates, clothes washers and dryers, external antennas, and water beds

Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campus and Workplace Policy

Life University is committed to taking all practical measures to create a safe and healthy environment. To further this goal, the University has established this policy to promote the well-being and health awareness of employees by reducing the risk of tobacco-related illness in compliance with applicable laws and local codes.

All students, staff, faculty, and visitors are prohibited from smoking and using, selling, free distributing, and advertising tobacco products and electronic smoking devices (ex. e-cigarettes) in all facilities and on all University property, including University-owned vehicles, and in any privately-owned vehicle parked or operated on University property.

Fire Safety: Right-to-Know

Disclosure of Fire Safety Standards and Measures Annual Fire Safety Reports on Student Housing required

Each eligible institution participating in any program under this title that maintains on-campus student housing facilities shall, on an annual basis, publish a fire safety report, which shall contain information with respect to the campus fire safety practices and standards of that institution, including:

Statistics concerning the following in each on-campus student housing facility during the most recent calendar years for which data are available:

- the number of fires and the cause of each fire;
- the number of injuries related to a fire that result in treatment at a medical facility;
- the number of deaths related to a fire; and
- the value of property damage caused by a fire;

A description of each on-campus student housing facility fire safety system, including the fire sprinkler system

The number of regular mandatory supervised fire drills;

Policies or rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames (such as candles), procedures for evacuation, and policies regarding fire safety education and training programs provided to students, faculty, and staff; and Plans for future improvements in fire safety, if determined necessary by such institution.

Prior to October 1st, 2010 and annually thereafter Life University will publish an annual fire safety report to be included within the annual Campus Safety Report (Clery Report), which will include information with respect to the campus fire safety practices and standards established by Life University. Information for this report will be solicited from the Campus Safety Office, Physical Plant, and Student Services Office.

Report to the Secretary Education:

Each eligible institution participating in any program under this title shall, on an annual basis, submit to the Secretary a copy of the statistics required to be made available under paragraph (1)(A). The Campus Safety Manager will be responsible for submitting these statistics to the Secretary of Education.

Current Information to Campus Community

Each eligible institution participating in any program under this title shall:

- make, keep, and maintain a log, recording all fires in on-campus student housing facilities, including the nature, date, time, and general location of each fire; and
- Make annual reports to the campus community on such fires. Responsibilities of the Secretary