

**Mount Mercy University
Campus Safety & Security
Campus Fire Safety Annual Compliance Report
2010**

Overview

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) became law in August, 2008, requiring all United States academic institutions to produce an annual fire safety report outlining fire safety practices, standards, and all fire-related on-campus statistics. The following public disclosure report details all information required by this law as it relates to Mount Mercy University.

At Mount Mercy University all residence halls have a wet sprinkler system throughout, except for Lower Campus Apartments. The system is also equipped with flow and valve tamper switches monitored by F/A panel. The system also has non-addressable fire alarm panels with hard-wired smoke/heat detectors in mechanical rooms, custodial closets, lounges & student rooms; hard wired heat detectors in kitchens, fire alarm panels annunciate to the Campus Safety & Security and Facilities Management offices. There are no upgrades for the system anticipated in the next calendar year.

Fire Safety Plans

If a fire is discovered in any University building members of the campus are encouraged to call the Mount Mercy University Public Safety Department, ext. 1234. The fire alarm emergency signal is a continuous sounding of the fire alarm. In case of a fire each person in the residence hall or building should leave the building as quickly as possible, using available stairways and fire escapes. Each student or campus community member should also leave room doors unlocked and close the door upon exiting their room. Students and community members should walk quietly and quickly downstairs and stand in a designated area away from the building. Fire safety procedures are listed on page 29 in the current edition of the Good Book.

Policies or rules on portable electrical appliances and open flames (such as candles) are contained in the student contract for housing and the Student Guide to Residential Living. The policy on a smoke free campus is contained on page 42 of the current Good Book.

Residence Hall: Student Housing Fire Protection Systems:

Regina Hall	Wet sprinkler throughout, flow and valve tamper switches monitored by Fire Alarm panel	Addressable fire alarm panel with hard-wired photo electric or ionization smoke detectors in hallways; hard-wired smoke/heat detectors in mechanical rooms, custodial closets, lounges and student rooms; hard-wired heat detectors in kitchens. Fire alarm panel annunciates to McAuley 100 (Security
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		Office) and Commercial Monitoring company.
McAuley Hall	Wet sprinkler throughout, flow and valve tamper switches monitored by Fire Alarm panel	Addressable fire alarm panel with hard-wired photo electric or ionization smoke detectors in hallways; hard-wired smoke/heat detectors in mechanical rooms, custodial closets, lounges and student rooms; hard-wired heat detectors in kitchens. Fire alarm panel annunciates to McAuley 100 (Security Office) and Commercial Monitoring company.
Andreas House	Wet sprinkler throughout, flow and valve tamper switches monitored by Fire Alarm panel	Addressable fire alarm panel with hard-wired photo electric or ionization smoke detectors in hallways; hard-wired smoke/heat detectors in mechanical rooms, custodial closets, lounges and student rooms; hard-wired heat detectors in kitchens. Fire alarm panel annunciates to McAuley 100 (Security Office) and Commercial Monitoring company.
Lower Campus Apartments	No sprinkler system in place	No sprinkler system in place. Battery operated smoke detectors in kitchens, and bedrooms with individual audible alarms.

Campus Fire Emergencies

If a fire occurs in a campus building, everyone should quickly exit the building, using available stairways and fire escapes. The emergency signal for a fire is a continuous sounding alarm. After reaching safety, call the Public Safety Department at ext. 1234 or dial 911 for assistance.

Emergency Telephone and Campus Numbers

Public Safety: ext. 1234
Emergency: 911 on campus extension: 9-911
Fire Dept: 911

Building Fire Equipment

Mechanical problems with locks, doors, and other security or fire equipment should be reported to Facilities Management or the Public Safety Department.

How to Report a Fire?

If a burning odor or smoke is present, call the Public Safety Department at extension 1234 (or dial 911). Report the exact location of the fire and, if known, what is burning. If a fire is detected, sound the building alarm by pulling an alarm station.

Fire Safety Procedures

The act of discharging a fire extinguisher, lighting a fire, and misuse or tampering with the alarm or sprinkler system is considered irresponsible behavior and endangers the lives of others and can result in immediate judicial or criminal action. The University reserves the right to pursue criminal charges through the appropriate authorities.

A. Actions to Take

- If you can help control the fire without personal danger, take actions with available fire fighting equipment. If not, leave the area.
- Activating a local alarm station will cause the alarm to sound.
- Never allow the fire to come between you and an exit.
- Remove all persons from the danger area. Close doors behind you and confine the fire.

B. Response to Audible Fire Alarms

- If the audible alarm sounds for more than 30 seconds or starts to sound for a second time, evacuate the building immediately.
- Do not use the elevators.
- If requested, accompany and assist persons with disabilities who appear to need assistance.
- Leave all parcels and personal property inside.
- Remain approximately 100 feet from the exits to help facilitate clear access to the building for the fire department.
- Return to the building only when instructed to do so by campus security staff, police, or fire department officials.

Fire Safety Training

Mount Mercy University Residential Life and the Public Safety Department conducts fire drills in campus student residence halls annually. Each resident of the on campus housing is required to participate with the drill using the techniques that are outlined in the Good Book.

Mount Mercy University currently and routinely contacts the Cedar Rapids Fire Department for training and advice.

Statistics For On Campus Student Resident Facilities fire alarm activity

Statistics concerning the on campus student residential facilities are listed below in the most recent calendar year for which data is available:

On-Campus Student Housing Facilities	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	TOTAL	INJURY	DEATH	\$ DAMAGE
Regina Hall	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
McAuley Hall	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Andreas Hall	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Holland-LCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McCullough-LCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reilly-LCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mullany-LCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Campus Buildings	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
TOTALS	12	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0

Causes

- A. System Trouble
- B. Cooking
- C. Sprinkler Flow
- D. Sprinkler set off by resident
- E. Extinguisher set off by resident
- F. False Alarm
- G. Construction
- H. Fumes
- I. Fire