Mount Mercy University

Department of Public Safety

Campus Fire Safety Annual Compliance Report

2023

Overview:

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) became law in August of 2008, and requires 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 information required by this law as it relates to Mount Mercy University.

The University utilizes different fire safety methods which are outlined below for each building. The fire system is connected to a main panel which is within the Department of Public Safety Office, which is also monitored by an outside vendor. Notifications are also communicated automatically from the fire system to public safety officers and resident assistants through the University's radio system.

Fire Safety Plans:

If a fire is discovered in any University building members of the campus are instructed to call the Mount Mercy University Public Safety Department at 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 in the current edition of the student handbook.

Policies or rules on portable electronic appliances and open flames (such as candles) are contained in the student contract for housing and the Student Guide to Residential Living. The smoke free campus policy is contained in the current student handbook.

Fire Drills:

Mount Mercy University conducts yearly fire drills to educate our community and to test our evacuation plans. The dates of the 2023 fire drills were: March 29, 2023 and September 8, 2023. The fire drills were conducted for all Mount Mercy University properties.

Residence Hall: Student Housing Fire Protection Systems;

Regina Hall:

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 115 (Security Office) and Per Mar Alarm Monitoring. In the Summer of 2018, Regina became a sprinkled building.

McAuley Hall:

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 115 (Security Office) and Per Mar Alarm Monitoring. In the Summer of 2017 McAuley Hall became a sprinkled building.

Andreas House:

Wet sprinkler throughout, flow and valve tamper switches monitored by fire alarm panel.

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Lower Campus Apartments/Hazel Houses:

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 9-911 for assistance.

Emergency Telephone and Campus Numbers:

- Public Safety: ext. 1234
- Emergency: 9-911
- Fire Department: 9-911

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 9-911). 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 improperly discharging a fire extinguisher, lighting a fire, and misuse or tampering with the fire 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 firefighting 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 if you can do so safely. 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 possible, 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 Residence Life Department and the Public Safety Department conduct fire drills in campus student residence halls annually. Each resident of the on-campus housing is required to participate in the drill using the techniques that are outlined in the student handbook.

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 2023	Cooking	Sprinkler Flow	Sprinkler Set Off by Resident	Extinguisher Set Off By Resident	False Alarm	Construction	Fumes	Fire	Tampering	TOTAL	INJURY	DEATH	$DAMAGE
Regina Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0
McAuley Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	**1**	0	0	0
Andreas Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	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	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**	0	0	0
TOTALS	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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McAuley Hall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andreas Hall	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	$302,555.15
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
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TOTALS	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	0	0	$302,555.15

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Andreas Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0