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Introduction

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) (HEOA) was enacted on August 14, 2008, and reauthorizes the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) publishes this annual report for the University of Massachusetts Amherst to comply with the reporting requirements contained in Section 485 of the HEOA known as Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know.

Provisions of the Act require colleges and universities to report fire safety information to the U.S. Department of Education and to make annual fire safety reports available to the public and the campus community. These reports must include:

- The number of fires and the cause of each fire.
- The number of injuries and deaths related to a fire.
- The value of property damage caused by a fire.
- The number of regular mandatory, supervised fire drills; policies or rules on portable electrical appliances; procedures for evacuation; policies or rules regarding fire safety education and training programs provided to students, faculty, and staff; and plans for future improvements in fire safety.
- Descriptions of fire protection equipment (fire alarms/sprinklers) in each on-campus housing facility.

This University of Massachusetts Amherst annual fire safety report provides information regarding on-campus student housing fire related incidents over the past three years and identifies the buildings and locations where fires have occurred. University of Massachusetts Amherst Residential Life fire safety policies and procedures are outlined with links directly to Residential Life web sites where additional details can be found. Provided in the report are descriptions of each residence hall's fire safety system.

Our report is published separately from the University of Massachusetts Amherst Annual Security Report which is published by the UMass/Amherst Police Department and available through their web site: <http://www.umass.edu/umpd/pdf/ASR.pdf>.

This report is available through the Department of Environmental Health and Safety web site: <http://ehs.umass.edu/campus-fire-safety-right-know-report-2011>.

As required, Environmental Health and Safety also maintains the Fire Log. This log provides up-to-date information on fire incidents occurring in any on-campus student housing facility.

This log may be viewed at: <http://www.ehs.umass.edu/2012-residential-fire-log>.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Department of Environmental Health and Safety at: 413-545-2682, or by emailing Ed Mientka at: ejm@ehs.umass.edu.

Please visit us online at: <http://www.ehs.umass.edu/>.

**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
2011 RESIDENCE HALL / RESIDENTIAL FIRE INCIDENTS** (A fire incident is defined as any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.)

BUILDING	ADDRESS	REPORTED FIRES
Baker Hall	160 CLARK HILL RD	1
Brett Hall	151 INFIRMARY WAY	0
Brooks Hall	160 INFIRMARY WAY	0
Brown Hall	92 EASTMAN LN	1
Butterfield Hall	171 CLARK HILL RD	0
Cance Hall	191 FEARING ST	1
Cashin Hall	112 EASTMAN LN	0
Chadbourn Hall	110 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Coolidge Hall	630 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Crabtree Hall	17 EASTMAN LN	1
Crampton Hall	256 SUNSET AVE	0
Dickinson Hall	151 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Dwight Hall	41 EASTMAN LN	0
Emerson Hall	151 SOUTHWEST CIR	0
Field Hall	171 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Gorman Hall	90 BUTTERFIELD TER	0
Grayson Hall	161 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Greenough Hall	120 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Hamlin Hall	739 N PLEASANT ST	0
James Hall	660 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	1
John Adams Hall	161 FEARING ST	0
John Quincy Adams Hall	171 FEARING ST	0
Johnson Hall	380 THATCHER RD	0
Kennedy Hall	620 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	1

Knowlton Hall	691 N PLEASANT ST	0
Leach Hall	21 EASTMAN LN	0
Lewis Hall	340 THATCHER RD	0
Lincoln Apts.	341 LINCOLN AVE	0
Mackimmie Hall	230 SUNSET AVE	0
Mary Lyon Hall	43 EASTMAN LN	1
McNamara Hall	102 EASTMAN LN	0
Melville Hall	650 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Moore Hall	111 SOUTHWEST CIR	0
North Residence A	56 EASTMAN LN	0
North Residence B	58 EASTMAN LN	0
North Residence C	54 EASTMAN LN	0
North Residence D	52 EASTMAN LN	3
North Village Apts.	990 N PLEASANT ST	0
Patterson Hall	204 SUNSET AVE	1
Pierpont Hall	201 FEARING ST	0
Prince Hall	286 SUNSET AVE	0
Thatcher Hall	300 THATCHER RD	0
Thoreau Hall	640 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Van Meter Hall	180 CLARK HILL RD	0
Washington Hall	181 FEARING ST	0
Webster Hall	141 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Wheeler Hall	171 INFIRMARY WAY	0

2011 Fire Statistics for On-Campus Student Housing

Fire Incident Data

Date	Time	Building / Address	Location	FD Response	Injuries / Fatality	Dollar loss	Cause / Additional Details
1/17/2011	7:50pm	Cance Hall 191 Fearing St	4 th floor student room	Yes	0	\$14,902	Unattended candle. Smoke and fire damage to room. One sprinkle head activated. Water damage to other floor areas.
2/20/2011	11:40pm	Baker Hall 160 Clark Hill Rd.	East side center area, window well	Yes	0	0	Leaf fire in window well for mechanical room exhaust. Fire alarm activated by pull station. AFD extinguished with PW extinguisher.

2011 Fire Statistics for On-Campus Student Housing
Fire Incident Data – Continued

3/5/2011	11:00pm	Mary Lyon Hall 43 Eastman Lane	Adjacent Main Door, window well	No	0	0	Smoldering trash in window well extinguished by students and EHS with PW extinguisher.
3/10/2011	8:10am	Crabtree Hall 17 Eastman Lane	Corridor by room 313	No	0	0	Residential Life staff member reported burn mark on ceiling.
5/9/2011	11:00pm	North Residence Building D	5 th floor suite kitchen	No	0	0	Fire contained inside self-cleaning oven, out upon EHS arrival.
10/3/2011	1:00pm	Brown Hall 92 Eastman Lane	Corridor Between Rms. 401 - 407	No	0	0	Residential Life staff member reported maliciously burned posters and burn marks on trash room door.
11/2/2011	9:05pm	North Residence Building D	3 rd floor suite kitchen	No	0	0	Grease fire on stovetop, occupant applied water resulting in flash fire blackening ceiling and wall.
11/9/2011	4:45pm	North Residence Building D	3 rd floor suite kitchen	No	0	0	Cooking oil fire on stovetop extinguished by occupant with dry chemical fire extinguisher.
12/2/2011	11:30am	Patterson Hall 204 Sunset Ave.	3 rd floor	No	0	0	Malicious burning of paper on room door.
12/5/2011	11:00am	James Hall 660 Mass Ave.	Corridor by room 419	No	0	0	Malicious burning of paper on bulletin board.
12/16/2011	10:00am	Kennedy Hall 620 Mass Ave.	7th floor men's room	No	0	0	Malicious burning of toilet paper.

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Baker Hall	160 CLARK HILL RD	0
Brett Hall	151 INFIRMARY WAY	0
Brooks Hall	160 INFIRMARY WAY	0
Brown Hall	92 EASTMAN LN	1
Butterfield Hall	171 CLARK HILL RD	0
Cance Hall	191 FEARING ST	0
Cashin Hall	112 EASTMAN LN	0
Chadbourne Hall	110 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Coolidge Hall	630 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Crabtree Hall	17 EASTMAN LN	0
Crampton Hall	256 SUNSET AVE	0
Dickinson Hall	151 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Dwight Hall	41 EASTMAN LN	0
Emerson Hall	151 SOUTHWEST CIR	1
Field Hall	171 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Gorman Hall	90 BUTTERFIELD TER	0
Grayson Hall	161 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Greenough Hall	120 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Hamlin Hall	739 N PLEASANT ST	0
James Hall	660 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
John Adams Hall	161 FEARING ST	0
John Quincy Adams Hall	171 FEARING ST	0
Johnson Hall	380 THATCHER RD	0
Kennedy Hall	620 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Knowlton Hall	691 N PLEASANT ST	0
Leach Hall	21 EASTMAN LN	0
Lewis Hall	340 THATCHER RD	0
Lincoln Apts.	341 LINCOLN AVE	0
Mackimmie Hall	230 SUNSET AVE	0
Mary Lyon Hall	43 EASTMAN LN	0
McNamara Hall	102 EASTMAN LN	2
Melville Hall	650 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Moore Hall	111 SOUTHWEST CIR	0

North Residence A	56 EASTMAN LN	0
North Residence B	58 EASTMAN LN	0
North Residence C	54 EASTMAN LN	1
North Residence D	52 EASTMAN LN	0
North Village Apts.	990 N PLEASANT ST	0
Patterson Hall	204 SUNSET AVE	0
Pierpont Hall	201 FEARING ST	0
Prince Hall	286 SUNSET AVE	0
Thatcher Hall	300 THATCHER RD	0
Thoreau Hall	640 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Van Meter Hall	180 CLARK HILL RD	0
Washington Hall	181 FEARING ST	0
Webster Hall	141 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Wheeler Hall	171 INFIRMARY WAY	0

2010 Fire Statistics for On-Campus Student Housing Fire Incident Data

Date	Time	Building / Address	Location	FD Response	Injuries / Fatality	Dollar loss	Cause / Additional Details
9Apr-10	0735	McNamara 102 Eastman Lane	1 st floor Lobby	No	0	0	Housing reported paper burned in lobby below security camera
16Oct-10	0940	Emerson 151 Southwest Circle	3 rd floor	Yes	0	0	Accidental small burn to underside of desk caused by mirror reflecting sunshine through window
20Oct-10	0849	North Residential Bldg. C	Elevator #2	No	0	0	Housing reported someone used a lighter to melt elevator buttons
17Dec-10	2305	McNamara 102 Eastman Lane	4 th floor Elevator Lobby	No	0	\$200	Housing reported someone taped paper to upper left of elevator control buttons and ignited it

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Brooks Hall	160 INFIRMARY WAY	0
Brown Hall	92 EASTMAN LN	1
Butterfield Hall	171 CLARK HILL RD	0
Cance Hall	191 FEARING ST	0
Cashin Hall	112 EASTMAN LN	0
Chadbourne Hall	110 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Coolidge Hall	630 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Crabtree Hall	17 EASTMAN LN	0
Crampton Hall	256 SUNSET AVE	0
Dickinson Hall	151 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Dwight Hall	41 EASTMAN LN	1
Emerson Hall	151 SOUTHWEST CIR	0
Field Hall	171 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Gorman Hall	90 BUTTERFIELD TER	0
Grayson Hall	161 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Greenough Hall	120 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Hamlin Hall	739 N PLEASANT ST	0
James Hall	660 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
John Adams Hall	161 FEARING ST	1
John Quincy Adams Hall	171 FEARING ST	0
Johnson Hall	380 THATCHER RD	0
Kennedy Hall	620 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Knowlton Hall	691 N PLEASANT ST	0
Leach Hall	21 EASTMAN LN	0
Lewis Hall	340 THATCHER RD	0
Lincoln Apts.	341 LINCOLN AVE	0
Mackimmie Hall	230 SUNSET AVE	0
Mary Lyon Hall	43 EASTMAN LN	0
McNamara Hall	102 EASTMAN LN	0
Melville Hall	650 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Moore Hall	111 SOUTHWEST CIR	0
North Residence A	56 EASTMAN LN	0
North Residence B	58 EASTMAN LN	0
North Residence C	54 EASTMAN LN	0

North Residence D	52 EASTMAN LN	2
North Village Apts.	990 N PLEASANT ST	0
Patterson Hall	204 SUNSET AVE	0
Pierpont Hall	201 FEARING ST	0
Prince Hall	286 SUNSET AVE	0
Thatcher Hall	300 THATCHER RD	0
Thoreau Hall	640 MASSACHUSETTS AVE	0
Van Meter Hall	180 CLARK HILL RD	0
Washington Hall	181 FEARING ST	0
Webster Hall	141 ORCHARD HILL RD	0
Wheeler Hall	171 INFIRMARY WAY	0

2009 Fire Statistics for On-Campus Student Housing Fire Incident Data

Date	Time	Building / Address	Location	FD Response	Injuries / Fatality	Dollar loss	Cause / Additional Details
21Jan-09	0840	North Residential Bldg. D 52 Eastman Lane	3 rd floor South Stairway	No	0	0	Report from Housing Custodial of a past fire involving a sign within stairway
29Apr-09	0725	Brown 92 Eastman Lane	5th Floor Elevator Lobby	No	0	0	Custodian reported a past fire involving a piece of paper partially burned near elevator control panel
30Oct-09	1926	North Residential Bldg. D 52 Eastman Lane	Apt. 311 Kitchen	Yes	0	\$14,000	Cooking Fire – oil
01Dec-09	1245	Dwight 41 Eastman Lane	2 nd Floor Men's Room	No	0	0	Custodial reported past fire involving a box

Residence Hall Fire Safety Policies, Procedures and Guidelines

Fire Safety <http://www.housing.umass.edu/living/fire.html>

It is Residence Hall Fire Safety Policy that fire alarm systems, system components, sprinkler systems as well as individual detection devices shall not be tampered with in any manner. Nothing shall be hung on or near any fire alarm system component, detection device, sprinkler or pipe. Fire alarm system components and detection devices include but are not limited to: smoke detectors (system or local), audio/visual devices, wiring or wire-mold, heat detectors, manual fire alarm pull stations and "stopper alarms", fire alarm control panels, sprinklers and pipes. "Endangering behavior" is any act committed by a student that is a clear threat to life and health. The use of drugs, including alcohol does NOT lessen your responsibility.

You may be suspended or expelled from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and/or legal action may be taken if you:

- File a false report of fire or other dangerous conditions (except in cases of reasonable error or accident). This includes pulling/engaging a fire alarm in the absence of a fire.
- Refuse to evacuate any UMass Amherst building after a fire alarm has sounded or other notice has been given. Misuse a fire extinguisher. Fail to properly report a fire.
- Interfere with the response of campus or town officials to emergency calls. Park within eight feet of a fire hydrant or in designated fire lanes. The car will be ticketed and towed at your own expense.
- Damage or tamper with fire alarm and/or other fire safety equipment including pipes in the rooms. The pipes are to be free of objects at all times, including hanging items, adhering or wrapping items onto pipes.
- Cover or obstruct smoke detectors, fire alarm horns or sprinklers. Use appliances or materials that create a fire hazard. Consult your residence hall staff or EH&S at: (413) 545-2682, about safe usage procedures.

Fire Safety Information

Fire safety depends on everyone. All residence halls are equipped with fire safety equipment designed to help with your safety. The University employs a full-time staff of fire prevention professionals. They inspect all campus buildings and test and maintain all fire systems and equipment. Each room has a smoke detector installed. Reporting any problems with the detector and keeping it uncovered ensures safe operation.

Only use allowed appliances to avoid overloading the wiring. Candles and open flames are not allowed in the residence halls. Please see Residence Education Policies for a complete list of prohibited items.

Fire Alarms

When the fire alarm sounds, evacuation is required. This is necessary for your safety and the safety of the firefighters, University police officers, Environmental Health and Safety staff, and the Residential Life staff who respond. During an evacuation, please keep the following in mind:

- Close and lock your room door
- Use the closest exit to your room that is passable
- Walk, do not run
- Do not use the elevator if smoke or fumes are coming up the stairwell, use another one
- Once you are out of the building, move as far away as possible
- Do not re-enter the building until you are cleared to do so
- If you do not leave during a fire alarm, you are subject to Housing sanctions and possible legal action

Evacuation Procedures

It is important that you familiarize yourself with procedures for evacuating your residence hall before you need to evacuate in an emergency. Take a few minutes, go out into the hallway and find the nearest exits from your room.

Fire Reporting

Call 911 to Report Smoke or Fire

Call UMPD at: 545-2121, or EH&S at: 545-2682, to report any extinguished fire

Your Room

<http://www.housing.umass.edu/reshall/yourroom.html>

Electrical Appliances

Note: All electric cords, plus appliances must be in good condition. All appliances should have an Underwriters' label or seal of approval from another recognized testing laboratory. All appliances with exposed heating coils or those that can become excessively hot are potential fire hazards and are prohibited from your room.

The following electrical appliances can be used in your room:

CD/DVD player/stereo system

Coffee maker with an automatic shut-off and integrated dual safety circuit

Computer and printer

Fan

Heating pad

Lamp (please use compact fluorescent instead of incandescent)

Microwave/refrigerator with integrated circuit

(For information on renting an approved unit from MicroFridge, an authorized vendor, call 800-637-7567, or visit their [website](#).)

Portable hair dryer

Radio

Small refrigerator - 3.0 cu.ft. or less - with a ground adapter plug

Television

The following items may be used in common areas only (kitchenettes):

Electric frying pans
Hot plates
Irons
Microwave ovens
Toasters

Prohibited items

You may not have hazardous items in your room at all. Possession of any items listed below violates the Residence Hall Regulations in the Code of Student Conduct and will result in disciplinary action.

Prohibited items include:

Incense
Candles*
Air conditioners
Electric cooking grills
Explosive materials
Facsimiles of weapons
Firearms or lethal weapons of any sort
Fireworks or explosives
Gasoline or other flammable liquids
Gas-powered equipment
Halogen Lamps
Laser pointers
Lighted smoking materials
Noxious chemicals
Octopus lamps
Pellet guns
Pets (except for service animals and fish in 10-gallon tanks)
Pyrotechnic devices and smoke machines
Space heaters of any kind

*Except for religious purposes only in designated areas as outlined in the Residence Hall Manual.

Safety Precautions <http://www.housing.umass.edu/living/caution.html>

The office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) is the agency responsible for establishing, implementing, and monitoring University policies and procedures related to fire safety, life safety, lab safety, environmental health, and related matters. Contact EH&S at: 545-2682, if you have concerns about safety in your residence hall, the reliability of an electrical appliance, or the habitability of your room.

The University has developed the following policies for your protection. Failure to comply with these guidelines violates the Residence Hall Regulations portion of the Code of Student Conduct and will result in disciplinary action.

Your Living Area

Keep your own room clean and observe basic health standards.

Be sure all food is stored in closed containers to avoid attracting insects and other pests and to prevent food contamination.

Refrigerate any perishable food.

Keep radiators clear of furnishings for maximum circulation of heat.

Arrange furniture safely so that beds are not bunked or lofted improperly.

Use approved supports if you hang items on the wall.

Do not tamper with window screens. Screens must remain in place at all times.

Do not permit any open flame in your room for any reason. Candles, incense, and the lighting of smoking materials in student rooms is prohibited.

Electrical Service

Do not overload wiring by using high-voltage appliances, turning on too many electrical devices at the same time or using multiple outlet plugs or extension cords.

Report repeated loss of power due to tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses to residence hall staff. Do not tamper with hall circuit breakers and fuse boxes or attempt to replace a fuse.

Electrical Appliances

Make sure electric cords, plugs, and appliances are in good condition.

Frayed cords and damaged or defective appliances are prohibited from use on University property. Have EH&S (545-2682) verify the safety of any personal property items that might pose a hazard.

Use only appliances with the Underwriters' label or another recognized testing laboratory seal of approval.

Exercise care in the proper use of lamps, radios, stereos, electric blankets, and the like.

Do not allow high-intensity reading lamps to come in contact with combustible materials such as bedding, pillows, or paper.

Do not use a portable hair dryer unless your room outlets are adequate. If you are uncertain, check with EH&S at: 545-2682. Never plug your hair dryer into an extension cord.

Be sure your refrigerator is a compact type - 3.0 cu. ft. or less - with a ground adapter plug. No household-size appliances are permitted in student rooms. Plug your compact refrigerator into a permanently installed wall outlet, not an extension cord. To avoid the loss of power due to tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses, we encourage students to share one compact refrigerator per room. For information on renting an approved unit from an authorized vendor, call MicroFridge at: 1-800-637-7567, or visit their website.

UMass Amherst Code of Student Conduct

– Safety Related Excerpts

http://www.housing.umass.edu/codeofconduct_a.html

Appendix A

II.D. University Housing and Dining Halls Regulations.

II.D.1a Security Regulations

Maintaining safe and secure residence hall environments is the responsibility of each resident. Students are responsible for adhering to the stated policies regarding residence hall security, guests, entrance/exit doors, and maximum room capacity.

Access to Residence Halls: Residence Halls are private dwellings for students assigned to live in them; they are not public buildings. Access to each residence hall is specifically restricted to students assigned to that residence hall and to their authorized guests. Access is also authorized for students registered for and attending classes held in a given residence hall, as well as students, staff and faculty assigned to work in that residence hall. Access can be revoked for failure to abide by Residence Hall policies and community standards.

II.D.1b Guest in Violation of University Policy

Hosts are responsible for their guest(s) and must accompany them at all times. Hosts may be held responsible for any guest who violates regulations as noted in the Code of Student Conduct or the Guest Policy (found in this publication under Residence Hall Policies and Guidelines). If a guest who violates regulations is a UMass Amherst student, the guest may be charged for the policy violation. The host may be charged with violation of the guest policy.

II.D.3 Health and Safety Standards

Any activity deemed to be a threat to the health and safety of students is strictly prohibited. Adherence to basic health standards for sanitary conditions, hygiene, and appropriate use of bathrooms and common areas is expected of all residents and all guests. Students are expected to keep kitchen areas, bathrooms, hallways, and their rooms clean. This includes, but is not limited to, refrigerating perishable foods, closing containers to avoid attracting pests, washing dishes after use, cleaning sinks after washing dishes, etc.

II.D.4 Furniture Policy

Each residence hall room is furnished with University furnishings which must remain in the students rooms at all times. Furnishings need to meet safety standards and be assembled properly. Waterbeds are not allowed in the residence halls. The University does not offer public storage for students. In addition, lounge furnishings must remain in public areas at all times. Residents may be held financially responsible for costs associated with replacing missing furniture and/or removing unauthorized furniture from their rooms.

II.D.5 Window Screen Policy

Window screens must remain properly secured on windows at all times.

II.D.6 Candle Policy

Candles, lit or unlit, are not permitted in residence halls. Candles required for religious purposes may be approved; use must be registered in advance as outlined in the Lighting Religious Candles in the Residence Halls agreement.

II.D.7 Pet Policy

The University prohibits pets in the residence halls (except fish in tanks no larger than 10 gallons). Exceptions may be granted for animals required by students with documented disabilities registered with the University.

II.D.9 Smoking Policy

Smoking, of any kind, is prohibited in residence halls. Smoking outside residence halls must be at least 20 feet away from residence hall windows or entrances.

II.D.10 Alcohol Policy for Residence Halls and University-approved Housing

1. No person under 21 years of age may possess, use or be under the influence of alcohol.
2. Providing alcoholic beverages to a person under age 21, whether gratuitously or for sale is prohibited.
3. Intoxication, defined as being under the influence of alcohol or any other psychoactive drug to any extent that requires the attention of University staff, causes a disturbance, or is a danger to persons (self and others) or property, is prohibited.
4. A resident of legal age living in a University residence hall or floor where alcohol is permitted may possess or store a maximum of twelve (12 oz.) bottles/cans of beer, or two (750 ml) bottles of wine, or one (750 ml) bottle of hard liquor.
5. Quantity-dispensing containers, including but not limited to kegs, punch bowls and beer balls, are prohibited.
6. Drinking funnels, taps, ice luges or similar devices are prohibited.
7. Drinking games or other activities involving rapid and/or excessive consumption are prohibited. Creating, offering, and playing drinking games such as beer pong are considered endangering behaviors and are prohibited.
8. A group of more than 10 people in a residence hall room or suite in which alcohol is present is prohibited. In the North Apartments, this applies when there are more than 14 people in an apartment.
9. Open alcoholic beverage containers (including cups containing alcohol) are prohibited in any common space, including common corridors, stairwells, bathrooms, kitchens, balconies and lounge.
10. Alcohol is not allowed in alcohol-free halls or floors, regardless of one's age. Residential Life will determine areas designated as alcohol-free.
11. Possession of alcohol containers, whether empty or full, is prohibited for persons under age 21.

II.D.11 Incense Policy

Incense is prohibited in all areas of the residence halls.

II.D.12 Community Living Standards

All residents and their guests are expected to be respectful and responsible members of UMass Amherst residential communities. In doing so, they will cooperate with University officials acting in performance of their duties, and will neither participate in nor condone actions that interfere with a roommate's right to occupy the room, violate the rights of others, or prevent others from having a safe and respectful community living experience.

FIRE PROTECTION INFORMATION

The University of Massachusetts Amherst employs a full-time staff of fire prevention professionals within the Office of Environmental Health and Safety. Fire prevention staff inspects all campus buildings and test and maintain all sprinkler systems, standpipes, fire pumps, fire alarms, and fire extinguishers. They also provide educational programs on fire safety in the residence halls. Whenever you move to a new area, you should locate the fire alarm pull stations and the two exits nearest your room.

Fire Drills

A fire drill will be conducted in your residence hall every semester to help you become familiar with evacuation procedures. Vacate immediately from the nearest exit. Lock your room as you leave to prevent theft of property. The University of Massachusetts Amherst insurance does not compensate for loss due to theft.

Smoke Detectors

A smoke detector is mounted on the ceiling or wall in your room. Some buildings also have heat detectors on the ceilings. Take the following precautions to ensure the safe operation of your smoke detector:

- If your smoke detector is working properly, the red light should be on. If the red light is not blinking, contact Residence Life staff immediately.
- Do not cover or obstruct your smoke detector in any way.
- Report any power outages that occur to your hall staff.
- If a smoke detector activates and there is no fire or smoke, notify your hall staff.

Fire Alarms

The floors of nearly all campus buildings are equipped with manual fire alarm systems consisting of pull stations and horns. Most are also equipped with automatic fire alarm systems consisting of heat and smoke detectors. All residence halls have automatic sprinkler systems which also sound the fire alarm system when activated. For your safety, never tamper with these systems. False fire alarms are dangerous to residents and emergency personnel who must respond. False fire alarms are illegal and punishable by fines and/or imprisonment.

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are located on each floor in each campus building and in each apartment. Use a portable fire extinguisher only if you have been trained to do so. Irresponsible use of a fire extinguisher can create a dangerous situation for other residents and could result in damage to personal property. Misuse of a fire extinguisher may result in disciplinary action.

Emergency Exit Systems

The emergency exit systems in the residence halls include emergency lighting, emergency exit signage, exit stairways, and approved exit door hardware. As a resident, you should acquaint yourself with all of the nearest exit routes from your living area. Please do not tamper with any of the emergency exit systems.

ROOM DECORATIONS AND FURNITURE

Wood construction or lofts and/or bookshelves:

Wood construction in student rooms/apartments, including lofts and bookshelves, is not allowed. However, some residential areas have a limited supply of approved loft equipment. See the Housing and Residence Life website for details. For your safety, beds must be lofted or bunked only as instructed.

Ceiling and wall hangings:

Tapestries and other combustible items are not permitted to be hung from ceilings. Wall hangings must not exceed 25 percent of wall area and must NOT obstruct smoke detectors, fire alarm speakers or any sprinkler device. You may use rubber cement, commercial hanging putty, and 3M hanging product to hang pictures and posters. You may not use nails, screws, or brackets to mount decorations on walls, bookcases, or ceiling fixtures. Rooms in Southwest are equipped with metal tracks for lightweight wall hangings and bulletin boards only. You may not hang bookcases from the metal tracks. All materials must be removed from the walls when you check out. You will be charged repair costs for any damage to the walls.

Furniture:

- You are responsible for the furniture assigned to your room or apartment. If a piece of furniture is removed, you may be assessed a charge to replace the furniture.
- Overstuffed, plastic or combustible furnishings procured from other sources may be a safety hazard or pose an increased risk of fire. This furniture must carry a label of California Test TB 133. Furniture presenting a fire or safety risk may be ordered removed by Environmental Health and Safety.
- Do not take any furnishings from common areas/lounges for your room or apartment. You will be billed if any common area furniture is found in your room or apartment.
- You may not move furniture from one room/apartment to another. Doing so violates the Residence Hall Regulations in the Code of Student Conduct and may result in disciplinary action. You may also be billed for any damages.
- Keep radiators clear of furnishings for maximum circulation of heat.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF FIRE

If you discover a fire:

- Close the door to the fire area
- Activate the building fire alarm system
- Call 911 from a safe area and report the exact fire location
- Stay clear of the building and await further instructions
- Use a portable fire extinguisher, if the fire is small, you can use it safely, you have been trained, and only after the building fire alarm system has been activated

If you are in a fire area:

- Stay calm.
- Feel closed doors from top to bottom for heat, using the back of your hand.
- Crouch low and open the door slowly.
- If safe, go into the hallway and close the door behind you. Leave the door unlocked so firefighters do not have to break down doors to search for trapped residents.
- Activate the building fire alarm system.
- Go to the nearest clear stairway or exit and leave the building in a prompt and orderly manner. If the stairway is full of smoke, go to another stairway.

If you are trapped by a fire:

- Do not panic.
- Pack the space under the door with wet towels, clothing, or other material.
- Dial 911 and report your location.
- Go to a window, open it, wave a white or brightly colored cloth from it, and call to any people below.
- Do not break windows unless smoke is pouring into your room and you need fresh air to breathe.
- Stay near the window where you can be seen. Do not hide under the bed or in the closet.
- If you cannot get to a window, go to an inside corner of the room, curl up on the floor, and protect your face with a wet cloth. Stay calm, breathe slowly, and call out for help when you hear rescue personnel in the hallway.

FOR APARTMENT RESIDENTS**If you have a fire in your kitchen or kitchenette:**

- Should a stovetop fire occur, use an ABC fire extinguisher, baking soda, or a lid to extinguish the fire. If the fire has spread beyond the stovetop, get out immediately and call 911.
- Never use flour or water to extinguish a cooking fire. Flour is combustible and water can spread fire.
- A fire extinguisher is located in every apartment kitchen. Do not relocate the fire extinguisher and only use it in the event of a fire. If the extinguisher is used to extinguish a kitchen fire, immediately notify the Apartments Office and it will be replaced. The University inspects fire extinguishers at least once a year, but you should periodically inspect the gauge to be certain the fire extinguisher is properly charged. If the needle indicates that it is undercharged or overcharged, call the Apartments Office for a replacement.

When cooking:

- Never leave cooking food unattended
- Keep the stove area free of combustible objects such as dishtowels, potholders, decorations or boxes
- Keep pan handles turned inwards so they are not accidentally bumped

If you are in a fire area:

- Stay as calm as you can.
- Feel closed doors from top to bottom for heat, using the back of your hand.
- Crouch low and open the door slowly!
- If safe, go into the hallway and close the door behind you. Leave the door unlocked so firefighters do not have to break down doors to search for trapped residents.
- Activate the building fire alarm system.
- Let others know they must evacuate the building.
- Go to the nearest clear stairway or exit and leave the building in a prompt and orderly manner. If the stairway is full of smoke, go to another stairway.

EMERGENCY PLANS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities have unique abilities and limitations. To be effective, emergency plans must be designed to meet the needs of the individual. At the beginning of every semester, staff members from the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S: (413) 545-2682), will meet on site with each identified disabled student to review fire safety, fire protection, special needs, and personal emergency action plans.

If you have a disability:

- If you are on the ground floor, leave through the nearest clear exit.
- If you are not on the ground floor, do not try to use an elevator.
- If the fire is on the floor where you are, you will have to leave the building by the stairs. Follow the plan EH&S has designed for your emergency evacuation.
- If the fire is not on your floor or you are trapped on the same floor as the fire, close the door to your room. Dial 911 and report your location in the building. Then, go to a window, open it, wave a cloth, and call out to any people below.
- Remain at the window until firefighters arrive.

Residential Life Policies and Procedures may be found on the Residential Life website at:

<http://www.housing.umass.edu/pdf/Residential%20Life%20Policies.pdf>

Department of Environmental Health and Safety Fire Safety Services - Programs for Residential Life



Fire Evacuation Drills

- Once each semester, EH&S coordinates with Residential Life Staff and conducts fire drills within each residence hall. The purpose of these drills is to assure that all residents know the sound of the fire alarm, know their exit routes and that their prompt evacuation is expected. These unannounced drills are timed and monitored by EH&S for effectiveness. Observed problems or unusual conditions are reported to staff for follow-up. Residence Hall staff is present and assist with fire safety messages that presented to residents at the conclusion of each drill. Drills are conducted over three selected nights taking approximately 3 hours each night.

Life Safety Inspections

- Life Safety Inspections: EH&S provides inspection services for all residence halls, conducting inspections of common areas and mechanical spaces once per semester. Inspections are conducted by Fire Safety Services Technicians with appropriate follow-up and recommendations for corrective action, with secondary inspections as necessary. Particular attention is given to maintenance of exit ways, exit lighting, emergency lighting, fire doors, fire alarm and sprinkler systems and portable fire extinguishers.

- Individual Room Safety Inspections: A safety inspection of each residence hall room is conducted by EH&S and Residential Life staff each January. Residents and residence hall staff are notified of any safety violations found. These may include the presence of candles, halogen lamps, flammable liquids, blocked smoke detectors and other unsafe

conditions. Residents with violations are contacted, their rooms are re-inspected and fire safety issues are reviewed.

- 780 CMR Massachusetts State Building Code Certificate of Inspections: EH&S serves to coordinate, and assist our State Building Inspector with annual inspections of each residence hall requisite for issuance of an annual Department of Public Safety Certificate of Inspection.

Fire Protection Systems Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance

-All residence hall fire protection equipment is inspected, tested and maintained through a coordinated program involving Residential Life Facilities Operations, EH&S, and system maintenance contractors.

- Fire Protection System Inspections: Once each week a Fire Safety Services Technician performs a visual inspection of residence hall fire alarm and major fire protection system components to assure operability and report on any unusual conditions.



- *Fire Alarm Systems*: Under contract, a system maintenance contractor provides semi-annual fire alarm system testing in each residence hall. These tests include verification of system performance including audio-visual devices, and manual pull stations. EH&S assists by inspecting testing room single station smoke detectors during January room inspections. In addition, during January EH&S conducts inspections and operational testing of each fire alarm system.

- *Fire Sprinkler Systems, Standpipe Systems, and Fire Pumps*: Once each summer water based fire protection systems are inspected and tested. These tests include verification of water flow, fire pump capacity tests, testing of flow indicating devices and fire pump controllers. In addition, each of our ten fire pumps is run tested once a week to assure operability. Any identified deficiency or maintenance issue is followed-up with an appropriate service request. EH&S staff coordinates with and assists a sprinkler maintenance contractor when such service is necessary.

Fire Extinguisher Service

- All residence hall portable fire extinguishers are inspected, and serviced by an EH&S Fire Safety Services Technician and fire extinguisher shop student staff. This includes annual programmed service, as well as repair, replacement, and charging as necessary and requested. In addition to inspections as part of annual maintenance, fire extinguishers are inspected once each semester as part of our life safety inspections.

Fire Safety Education

-Educational programs are provided by Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Fire Prevention Staff to all RA's annually. Programs are also provided periodically in residence halls on request. These programs include fire safety regulations, fire reporting, action items to be taken in event of fire, fire extinguisher use (for RA's) and fire protection systems



overview. Through a new initiative with the Dean of Students Office, on-campus residents identified violating Residential Life fire safety policies through the UMass Amherst Code of Student Conduct judicial process, are required to attend a fire safety educational program. This training is provided by the EH&S Fire Prevention Services Supervisor and Fire Safety Technicians.

Liaison and Code Enforcement

-EH&S staff provides plan review, project monitoring, and inspection services for various Residential Life projects. Serving as liaison to the State Building Inspector and local Fire Department Officials, EH&S assists with the acceptance process and resolution of Building Code or Fire Prevention Regulation issues.

Emergency Service Response

-EH&S staff are available 24/7 to provide fire and fire alarm response. EH&S maintains a presence on campus during in-session time periods with some shift coverage on an on stand-by basis during summer and intersession. During fire or fire alarm conditions, EH&S will provide assistance to responding fire department units. This assistance will include providing incident information, building information, key access, residence hall staff interface and assistance to residence with disabilities. Should an incident require investigation and follow-up EH&S staff will work closely with State, Amherst Fire, and UMPD officials.

Fire Reporting

Call 911 to Report Smoke or Fire

Call UMPD at: 545-2121, or EH&S at: 545-2682, to report any extinguished fire

University of Massachusetts Amherst Residence Hall Fire Protection Systems

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A program to retrofit residence halls with automatic sprinklers (see table below) was completed during the summer of 2012, with all residence halls now being fully sprinklered. Every residence hall also has a fire alarm system with detection, alerting and notification features (see second table).

Phase 1

Year Retrofitted	Residence Hall	Year Built	Area	Design Capacity
A	B	C	D	E
1980	Brooks	1949	28455	146
1979	Knowlton	1949	34552	153

Phase 2

Year Retrofitted	Residence Hall	Year Built	Area	Design Capacity
1993	Kennedy	1966	147,178	576
1990	Coolidge	1966	147,423	576
1990	J.Q. Adams	1966	147,178	576
1992	J. Adams	1966	147,178	576
1991	Washington	1966	147,178	576
1997	Brown	1971	102,653	444
1995	Cashin	1971	102,653	444
1996	McNamara	1971	102,653	444

Phase 3

Year Retrofitted	Residence Hall	Year Built	Area	Design Capacity
2005-2006	Dickinson	1965	78,214	319
2005-2006	Field	1965	78,214	319
2005-2006	Grayson	1965	78,214	319
2005-2006	Webster	1965	78,214	319
2005	Brett	1963	41,441	225
2005	Prince	1967	73,534	229
2006	Van Meter	1957	85,815	386
2006	North Apt- A,B,C&D	2006	325,000	860

Phase 4

Year Retrofitted	Residence Hall	Year Built	Area	Design Capacity
2007	Cance	1968	70,005	299
2007	Pierpont	1968	69,882	257
2007	Moore	1968	58,319	216

Phase 5

Year Retrofitted	Residence Hall	Year Built	Area	Design Capacity
2008	Gorman	1963	66,335	308
2008	Baker	1952	83,911	323
2008	Butterfield	1940	46,190	134
2008	Greenough	1946	36,505	133
2008	Chadbourne	1947	36,505	135

Phase 6

Year Retrofitted	Residence Hall	Year Built	Area	Design Capacity
2009	Patterson	1967	90,284	328
2009	Crabtree	1953	33,273	146
2009	Leach	1953	33,281	149
2009	Lyon	1959	38,304	165
2009	Dwight	1959	39,034	174

Phase 7

Year Retrofitted	Residence Hall	Year Built	Area	Design Capacity
2010	Thatcher	1937	34,866	119
2010	Lewis	1940	36,295	121
2010	Hamlin	1949	34,552	140
2010	Johnson	1960	35,493	137
2010	Wheeler	1958	35,195	165
2010	North Village Units I-13 to I-16	1971	2,000	12

Phase 8

Year Retrofitted	Residence Hall	Year Built	Area	Design Capacity
2011	MacKimmie	1967	62,769	231
2011	Crampton	1967	51,059	188

Phase 9

Year Retrofitted	Residence Hall	Year Built	Area	Design Capacity
2012	Emerson	1966	40,777	159
2012	James	1966	45,662	186
2012	Thoreau	1966	45,662	176
2012	Melville	1966	45,662	192
2012	Lincoln Apts. Building 5	1951	15,096	30

Fire Alarm Systems On-Campus Residential

Residential Areas	Stories	Voice or Horn Alerting	Corridor & Room Alerting	Unit Occupant Smoke Detection [i]	Unit Occupant Smoke Detection With Power Backup[ii]	Standby Power	Manual Pull Stations	Zoned Detection	Automatic UMPD Dispatch Notification
NORTHEAST									
Crabtree	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dwight	4	Voice	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hamlin	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Johnson	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Knowlton	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Leach	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lewis	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lyon	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thatcher	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SYLVAN	8								
Brown	8	Voice	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cashin	8	Voice	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McNamara	8	Voice	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

CENTRAL

Baker	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brett	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brooks	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Butterfield	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chadbourne	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gorman	4	Voice	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greenough	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Van Meter	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wheeler	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

[i] Unit occupant smoke detection includes single and multiple station smoke detectors within student rooms hardwired or with system smoke detectors similarly programmed.

[ii] Unit occupant smoke detection with battery backup includes station smokes with integral battery or system smokes with secondary power supply.

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ORCHARD HILL									
Dickinson	7	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field	7	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grayson	7	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Webster	7	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SOUTHWEST									
Cance	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coolidge	22	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crampton	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Emerson	3	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
James	4	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J. Adams	22	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
J. Q. Adams	22	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kennedy	22	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MacKimmie	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Melville	4	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moore	3	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Patterson	4	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pierpont	4	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Prince	4	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thoreau	4	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Washington	22	Voice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NORTH RESIDENTIAL									
Building A	5	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Building B	5	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Building C	5	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Building D	5	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
APARTMENTS									
Lincoln (Excl 5&10)	2	Horn	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lincoln (Bld. 5&10)	2	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N. Village	1	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
N. Village (Bld. 428)	1	Horn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

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