

FIRE SAFETY

There have been several dormitory and residential fires on college campuses in the last few years that have claimed the lives of several students. As a result of these recent fires, concern has been raised among fire protection professionals, university officials and the public concerning fire safety in campus housing. That concern was felt strongly at Anderson University. Although Anderson has not experienced a fatal fire since it was founded in 1911, university officials recognized that almost any fire has potentially fatal consequences.

Anderson University has a major residential system on campus consisting of 15 dormitory structures and 6 apartment buildings that house approximately 1150 students. The structures vary considerably in construction and fire protection capabilities as a result of prevailing fire codes in effect at the time of construction.

Although the University fire prevention resources are directed at the entire campus, a major aim of the program is specifically directed at the residence halls. The campus fire prevention program requires a balanced effort consisting of education, emergency planning, and inspection of buildings and testing of fire protection systems. Fire drills are conducted at the beginning of each semester to familiarize the students and staff on proper procedures to follow during fire alarms. Area Coordinators and Residence Life personnel conduct fire safety training with the Anderson City Fire Department before the fall semester starts. In case of an actual fire the following are notify.

<i>Anderson City Fire Department</i>
<i>Director of Campus Safety</i>
<i>Director of Residence Life / Area Coordinators</i>
<i>Director of Physical Plant / On call personnel</i>
<i>Vice President of Student Development</i>
<i>Vice President for Finance and Administration</i>

Fire Statistics	2008	2009	2010
Number of fires and cause of each fire on campus	0	0	0
Number of deaths related to the fire	0	0	0
Number of injuries related that resulted treatment at a medical facility.	0	0	0
Value of property damage related to the fire	0	0	0

Since we feel that early detection is the key to fire safety on campus, we are continuing to upgrade our automatic detection and alarm systems in our residential buildings to ensure the quickest detection and response available.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES / COOKING

Due to an increasing demand on the university's electrical system and because of a potential fire hazard, it is important that students comply with the following regulations. Electrical appliances allowed in residence hall rooms are limited to UL approved hot pots, small compact refrigerators (1.5 amps), small microwave ovens (700 watts maximum), hair

dryers and curling irons. Irons with automatic shut-off valves are suggested. **MICROWAVE OVENS AND REFRIGERATORS ARE LIMITED TO ONE PER ROOM.**

Electrical appliances that are NOT ALLOWED in rooms include electric blankets, freezers, open-coil appliances, toaster ovens or toasters, hot plates, fondue pots, crock pots, deep fryers, George Forman Grills, and space heaters (unless issued by the Physical Plant Office). Students should have not more than one study lamp each in their rooms. No appliance used in the residence hall room (except hair dryers and irons) should exceed 700 watts of electricity. Extension cords are prohibited. Power strip with a “re-set” button in addition to the surge protector is allowed. Due to the size of the rooms and electrical capacity of the residence halls, students should consult with their roommates before deciding which appliances each person will bring to campus. Candles are not allowed in the residence halls or apartments due to potential fire hazards that may result from an open flame.

FIRE ALARMS AND EQUIPMENT

Fire drills are held at the beginning of each semester to ensure that students know proper emergency procedures. When a fire alarm sounds, students should:

1. Close all windows.
2. Leave the room and proceed in an orderly manner through an assigned exit to a safe distance from the building.
3. Remain outside the building until Campus Safety Office personnel declare it safe to re-enter the building.

Fire exit routes are posted on every hall. Residence hall staff members will check all rooms during a fire drill to make certain the building is vacant. Failure to leave the building in a timely manner when a fire alarm sounds may result in a fine and additional disciplinary action may be taken.

Fire equipment is provided for the safety of all residents. Misuse of fire alarms or fire safety equipment is a serious infraction as it potentially endangers the lives of students and staff personnel.

At no time is any item to be hung from a fire sprinkler system or any items be stored in front of a fire pull station. Fire egress areas and stairways cannot be used for storage and access to a fire extinguisher be blocked.

A student found to be involved in setting off a false fire alarm, discharging a fire extinguisher when there is no fire, or tampering with any part of a fire alarm or fire safety equipment may be evicted from the residence halls as a minimum penalty.

Physical Plant Preventative Maintenance program change all smoke detector batteries twice per year regardless and any other time a work request is submitted by a student of a noise problem. These are changed during the summer repair program and before the spring semester starts. All portable batteries are recycled in the university hazards waste program due to radiation element of smoke detectors.

Setting a fire on campus is reason for automatic suspension from the University.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Battery operated smoke detectors have been installed in each room in North Rouse, South Rouse, and Lawton Hall to provide an additional safety measure for the occupants. If a battery becomes weak, the smoke detector will begin to beep. When this occurs, residents in these buildings should remove the old battery and carry it to the Residence Life

Office. Once the old battery is received, a new one will be installed by the Physical Plant personnel. Failure to follow the above procedure may result in disciplinary sanctions.

Smoke detectors in all other residence halls/apartments are electronically controlled by a fire safety system in each building.

On-Campus Residential Facilities	Fire Alarm Monitoring by ACFD via phone lines	Automatic Fire Sprinkler System	Fire Pump	Fire Alarm Initiating Smoke Detection	Battery Operated, Single Station Smoke Detection	HAAC Duct Detection	Portable Fire Extinguisher Devices	Kitchen Hood Suppression System	posted Evacuation Plans	Number of evacuation (fire) drills each academic year	External annunciators and bldg ID	Fire Drills held for 2009
Pratt		X		X		X	X		X		X	2
Denmark		X		X		X	X		X		X	2
S. Rouse					X		X		X		X	2
N. Rouse					X		X		X		X	2
Lawton					X		X		X		X	2
Kingsley				X			X		X			2
The Village		X	X	X			X		X		X	2
College Ave 501					X		X					1
College Ave 503					X		X					1
Boulevard 321					X		X					1
Boulevard Hall "C"	X	X		X			X	X	X			2
Boulevard Hall "D"	X	X		X			X	X	X			2
Boulevard Hall "E"	X	X		X			X	X	X			2
Boulevard 307					X		X					1
Boulevard 305					X		X					1
Stringer Commons A				X			X		X			2
Stringer Commons B				X			X		X			2
Stringer Commons C				X			X		X			2
Stringer Commons D				X			X		X			2
Stringer Commons E							X		X			2
Virgina Circle					X							1
Williamston Road					X							1
Springdale 1226					X							1