

Fire Safety responsibility on the Pew Campus rests with Pew Campus Security. The Grand Rapids Fire Department provides Pew Campus Security with medical first-aid support as well as response to all fire situations and hazardous material spills. Pew Campus Security has a designated Fire Safety Officer to maintain the fire requirements of the Pew Campus, in coordination with the GVSU Health & Safety and Operations Departments.

The Fire Safety Officer is available to assist department heads in organizing site-specific plans for all areas on campus.

ALL EMERGENCIES
can be reported by dialing:

9-911
on campus

911
off campus

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCIES

**POLICE
FIRE
MEDICAL**

**9-911
or
911
(off campus)**

NON EMERGENCY
GVSU Pew Security
1-6677 or 331-6677 (off campus)

**Grand Rapids
Fire Department
456-3900**

FIRE SAFETY

on the

PEW CAMPUS



**PEW CAMPUS
SECURITY DEPARTMENT**

**TO PROVIDE A SAFE
AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT
IN WHICH TO
WORK, LIVE AND LEARN**

Fire safety at Grand Valley State University involves a variety of measures aimed at preventing fires and ensuring the safety of faculty, staff, students, and visitors. Housing and Residence Life, Facilities Management, the Safety Office, and the Pew Campus Security Department work cooperatively with the Grand Rapids Fire Department to promote fire safety in all university areas. This cooperative takes a number of steps to assure fire safety stays in the forefront of University Operations. Residence hall construction, training programs for Housing staff and routine inspections of fire safety equipment have contributed to a fire safe environment for the Pew Campus community.

FIRE SYSTEMS

- University buildings are equipped with pull stations and many are protected with a combination of automatic detectors and suppression systems (sprinklers).
- Doors to stairwells, in corridors, and basements are designed to prevent fire and smoke from entering floors above or below fire areas. They should never be propped open or blocked.
- All University buildings are equipped with fire extinguishers.



- Initiating a pull station or detection device will cause an evacuation alarm to sound.
- Pull stations send a signal to SecurAlarm where an operator will acknowledge the alarm. They in turn alert the Grand Rapids Fire Department and Pew Campus Security Department of the alarm.



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Extinguishers are tools for personal protection, not property protection. The University holds the position that everyone evacuates an area involved in fire. Only those employees trained in the use of fire extinguishers may attempt to extinguish small controllable fires.

- Portable fire extinguishers are designed to fight small fires.
- Find out where extinguishers are located and what type of fire they will extinguish.
- Read extinguisher labels – Be sure to know their operation in advance.
- Do not block access to extinguishers.
- Report missing, damaged, or discharged extinguishers to the Pew Campus Security Department at ext#16677.

FIRE DOORS

Some campus buildings are equipped with automatic doors that are held open electrically and close upon activation of the fire alarm system. They should never be propped or wedged open to prevent closing automatically.

FIRE DRILLS

GVSU conducts fire drills periodically in accordance with the law. Each drill must be treated as a real emergency. These drills instruct students and staff so they may, in an emergency, leave buildings in the shortest possible time without confusion or panic.



IF YOU DISCOVER A FIRE

OR OTHER BUILDING EMERGENCY:

- Pull the nearest fire alarm pull station. Pull stations are located in normal paths of travel to an exit.
- Go to another building and call 911 giving name, location, and nature of emergency.

WHEN A FIRE ALARM SOUNDS:

- Leave the area. If possible, close doors to limit fire or smoke from spreading.
- Proceed to the nearest exit and move far away from the building.
- If confronted by smoke, stay low to the floor.
- Use alternate exits and/or stairwells if necessary.
- DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.
- DO NOT RE-ENTER THE BUILDING.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Fire safety is the responsibility of us all. You should keep a watchful eye for any unsafe conditions in your area. If you spot something, contact your supervisor or a Security Officer.

You should know the locations of the pull stations and fire extinguishers in your area.

You should discuss other fire / safety issues more specific to your area with your supervisor.

These might include:

LABORATORY SAFETY	CHEMICAL SAFETY
BIOLOGICAL SAFETY	RADIATION SAFETY
CONFINED SPACES	HALOGEN SYSTEMS
HAZARDOUS WASTE	

***We count on you to be
our first line of defense.***