

# Fire Safety Information — Grand Valley State

## Residence Life Fire Safety

Fire safety on the campuses of Grand Valley State University involves a variety of measures aimed at prevention, education, enforcement, and ensuring safety for all faculty, staff and visitors. The Office of Housing & Residence Life works closely with other University departments and local fire departments to promote fire safety through prevention, education and enforcement programs.

## Fire Safety Systems and Fire Statistics

Student housing facilities include living centers and apartments, providing housing for approximately 5,500 students on the Allendale Campus and 380 students on the Pew Campus. See the charts below for a description of fire safety systems in each building and fire statistics for 2010.

GVSU Housing Fire Safety Systems (2010)						
Building	Alarms Monitored at CUB	Sprinkler System	Smoke Detector	Fire Extinguisher	Evacuation Placards	Number of Annual Fire Drills
Copeland	X		X	X	X	1
Calder Residence	X		X	X		1
DeVos	X		X	X	X	1
Frey	X	x	X	X	X	1
GVA Benzie	X		X	X		
GVA Keweenau	X		X	X		
GVA Mackinac	X		X	X		
GVA Oakland	X		X	X		
GVA Tuscola	X		X	X		
GVA Wexford	X		X	X		
Hoobler	X		X	X	X	1
Hills	X	X	X	X	X	1
Johnson	X		X	X	X	1
Kistler	X		X	X	X	1
Kirkpatrick	X	X	X	X	X	1
Laker Village N	X		X	X		
Laker Village S	X		X	X		
Murray	X	X	X	X	X	1
North A	X	X	X	X	X	1
North B	X	X	X	X	X	1
North C	X	X	X	X	X	1
Niemeyer East	X	X	X	X	X	1
Niemeyer Honors	X	X	X	X	X	1
Niemeyer West	X	X	X	X	X	1
Ott	X		X	X	X	1

Pickard	X		X	X	X	1
Pew	X		X	X	X	1
Ravines	X		X	X		
Robinson	X		X	X	X	1
South Apts. C	X	X	X	X	X	1
South Apts. D	X	X	X	X	X	1
South Apts. E	X	X	X	X	X	1
Seidman	X	X	X	X	X	1
Secchia Residence	X	X	X	X	X	1
Stafford	X	X	X	X	X	1
Swanson	X	X	X	X	X	1
VanSteeland	X	X	X	X	X	1
West A	X	X	X	X	X	1
West B	X	X	X	X	X	1
West C	X		X	X	X	1
Winter Hall	X	X	X	X	X	1

#### GVSU Housing Fire Safety Statistics (2010)

Building	Room #	Time	Date	Fire	Evacuated	Cause	Cause Category	Deaths	Injuries	Prop (\$) Damage
HLL	111	1940	10/18/2010	YES	YES	Occupant Related	Unintentional	0	0	0
LVA	28B	235	10/23/2010	YES	NO	Cooking	Unintentional	0	0	0
NLC	118	211	10/30/2010	YES	NO	Smoking Materials	Unintentional	0	0	0

### Fire Safety Log

The Safety Manager maintains the log of fires that have occurred in on-campus student housing. Information recorded for each fire includes the nature of the fire, the date and time of day the fire occurred and the general location of the fire. The log may be viewed online ([www.gvsu.edu/facilitieservices](http://www.gvsu.edu/facilitieservices)) or by contacting the Safety Manager during normal business hours at (616) 331-3083.

### Policies and Procedures

Housing regulations prohibit the use of hazardous items such as candles, incense, hot plates, toaster ovens and space heaters within residential areas. Fire safety policies and procedures are published in the Residential Services Guide ([www.gvsu.edu/housing](http://www.gvsu.edu/housing)). The GVSU Student Code ([www.gvsu.edu/studentcode](http://www.gvsu.edu/studentcode)) also includes policies regarding fire safety conduct.

### Education

Housing Resident Assistants (RAs) are required to attend a Fire & Tornado Safety work session prior to Fall move-in. These seminars prepare RAs to educate residents about fire safety issues. All residents of living centers are required to attend a "floor meeting" to review building floor plans, evacuation routes, fire drill procedures and fire safety policies. GVSU students created a series of "Fireman Frank Safety" public service announcements which are accessible from the Public Safety website ([www.gvsu.edu/gvpd](http://www.gvsu.edu/gvpd)) and posted on YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)).

Public Safety officers conduct a fire drill within the first two weeks of classes to begin familiarizing residents with the sights, sounds and procedures related to the fire system. Residents are expected to participate in all fire drills and follow designated procedures. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary referral.

## **Reporting**

Dial 911 for all emergencies, including fire-related incidents.

For monitoring and recording purposes, report fires that have occurred and/or are suspected to have occurred to the Office of Housing & Residence Life (616) 331-2120 and to the Safety Manager (616) 331-3083. If the fire occurred on the Allendale Campus it must be reported to Campus Police (616) 331-3255. For incidents downtown, notify Pew Campus Security at (616) 331-6677.

## **Evacuation**

When a fire alarm sounds, all students are expected to evacuate the building and follow appropriate procedures:

- Close windows and doors.
- Shut off lights.
- Before leaving the room, feel the room door. If it is hot, do not open. Open the window and signal for help. If the door is cool, leave the building immediately by the closest stairway and exit.
- Remain calm and walk. Do not run.
- Proceed to the designated assembly area. Keep at least 100 feet away from the building and any emergency vehicles. The list of designated assembly area locations is provided in the Residential Services Guide ([www.gvsu.edu/housing](http://www.gvsu.edu/housing)).
- Once you have reached an area of safety, dial 911 and report the emergency.
- Students may not enter their building until Allendale Public Safety or Pew Campus Security staff give an "All Clear."

## **Enforcement**

Individuals witnessing a violation of fire safety policies are to report it immediately to a Resident Assistant (RA). Misuse of the fire alarm system, including sounding a false alarm or tampering with extinguishers or smoke detectors is prohibited. Violations of applicable laws and/or University fire safety policies are documented and reported to the Dean of Students and Public Safety and may result in disciplinary as well as criminal action.

## **Planned Improvements**

Future improvements in fire safety are evaluated on an annual basis and specific projects are reviewed by management and prioritized in the annual Capital Maintenance project request list.

## **Additional Safety Information**

For additional information regarding campus security measures, or for the Clery Annual Safety Report, visit <http://www.gvsu.edu/gvpd/>

