



Fire Safety Report

2014-2015 Campus Fire Safety Annual Compliance Report

Overview

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (PL 110-315) became law in August 2008, requiring all United States academic institutions to produce an annual fire safety report outlining the fire safety practices, standards, and all fire-related on-campus housing statistics. The following public disclosure report details all information required by this law as it relates to Cumberland University.

General Statement of University Owned/Controlled Student Housing

Cumberland University's six (6) Residence Halls are covered by a State Fire Marshall-approved and regularly inspected fire alarm system. The Residence Halls are covered by automatic fire suppression sprinkler systems. All Campus Security Officers, Buildings and Grounds employees and residence hall staff receive comprehensive fire safety training at the beginning of the academic year. In addition a program that covers emergency and evacuation procedures is reviewed regularly with the occupants and staff of each residence hall. Emergency Evacuation maps are posted on each floor to direct residents to exits. Fire drills are conducted each semester in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association's Life Safety Code. Basic fire safety instruction is provided to both new and current employees.

Specific Fire Prevention Policies

It is the policy of Cumberland University to provide faculty, staff, students and visitors with the safest possible environment, free from potential fire hazards. The primary goal of the Fire Safety Program is to recognize hazardous conditions and take appropriate action before such conditions result in a fire. The goal is accomplished by conducting periodic safety inspections of all university buildings and increasing the fire safety awareness of employees and students by conducting periodic basic fire safety.

Basic fire safety instruction is provided during New Employee Orientation. Additional training is available upon request by a department. Basic fire safety instruction is provided to all Resident Assistants and Residence Hall staff at the beginning of each academic year. These trainings are coordinated with the Wilson County Emergency Management Association (WEMA).

Candles with unburned wicks and candle warmers are allowed in the halls. Burning candles/incense and candles/incense with burned wicks are not allowed and will be confiscated and a \$25 fine will be assessed.

Possession of fireworks or any explosive device is prohibited. Possession will result in disciplinary action and damage assessments will be charged to the responsible student(s) or to all residents of the residence hall if specific student(s) cannot be identified.

Charcoal grills are only allowed on campus with the permission of the Residence Life Coordinator. They must be kept 20 feet away from all buildings. No flammable liquids (propane, etc.) are allowed to be stored in the residence hall.

Smoking is prohibited in any university building. Individuals may smoke in designated areas, and must dispose of cigarette butts and matches properly. Anyone found smoking in the residence halls is subject to a \$25 fine and/or further disciplinary action. Persistent refusal to abide by University regulations will result in removal from Campus Housing, with no refund of monies, including damage deposit.

The use of extension cords and multiple plugs is hazardous. If an extension cord is needed, only one item may be plugged in. Overloading electrical circuits is a dangerous fire hazard. Students must limit the number and type of electrical appliances in their room and attach only one electrical cord to a single outlet to avoid overloading circuits. Multiple outlet plugs, when used, must have circuit breakers. Electrical cords or extension cords may go under doors as long the cord is not pinched by the door when closed.

No additional wiring should be added to the room. These are requirements of the University insurance carrier and local fire codes. Halogen lamps are not permitted in the residence halls. College staff conducts a health and safety inspection each month in each residence hall. Residents in violation of these standards will be subject to disciplinary action and fines.

To minimize the potential for fires at Cumberland University, any cooking that requires an open heating source such as a hot plate or oven is limited to the designated apartments with full service kitchens, where our Residence Life Coordinators reside.

Statistical Report for all residence halls (Edward Potter Hall, Justin Potter Hall, Howell E. Jackson Hall, Horace H. Lurton Hall, South Hall)

Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of fires (unintentional)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of fires (intentional)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of fires (undetermined cause)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire injuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Fatalities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Value of property damage related to fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fires	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Alarm Checked	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fire Alarm Drills	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sprinkler System Checked	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Portable Extinguisher Checked	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Evacuation Plans Checked	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Evacuation Drills (number conducted)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2