



# **2016 ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT FOR STUDENT HOUSING**



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## INTRODUCTION

On August 14, 2008 the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) was signed into law. The HEOA requires institutions maintaining on-campus student housing facilities to publish annual fire safety reports containing information about campus fire safety practices and standards.

The University of Vermont is committed to the highest level of fire and life safety. UVM has a full-time Fire Marshal in the Department of Risk Management and Safety, dedicated to fire safety for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. UVM works closely with the local municipal fire department (Burlington Fire Department) and the Vermont Division of Fire Safety to meet or exceed applicable local and state code requirements in UVM buildings. UVM has received two awards from FM Global, a leader in fire prevention and property protection, for campus fire protection programs.

All on-campus residence halls are equipped with automatic fire sprinkler systems, automatic fire and carbon monoxide alarm systems that notify occupants and initiate a fire department and police response, and portable fire extinguishers for use by trained persons. Cooking equipment, including kitchens designated for student use, are protected by automatic cooking fire suppression systems. All fire protection systems are inspected regularly by UVM staff and inspected and tested by qualified contractors.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act or “Clery Act” requires disclosure of information regarding crime on or near the campus. This report is compiled by University of Vermont Police Services and can be accessed at:

<http://www.uvm.edu/police/reports/clery/public-safety-report.pdf>

Paper copies may be obtained from Police Services by calling (802) 656-2027 or writing to UVM Police Services, 284 East Avenue, Burlington, VT 05405.

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# DESCRIPTIONS OF FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS IN STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES

## **On-Campus Residence Halls:**

### **Harris Millis Complex**, 67 Spear Street, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, portable fire extinguishers, commercial and residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

### **Living Learning Complex**, 633 Main Street, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, portable fire extinguishers, commercial and residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

### **Marsh Austin Tupper Complex**, 31 Spear Street, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, portable fire extinguishers, commercial and residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

### **University Heights North and South Complexes**, 30, 50, 70, 90 University Heights, Burlington Vermont

266,322 square foot masonry with metal studding 756 bed residence hall and office complex. Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, fire pump, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

### **Chittenden Buckham Wills Complex\*\*\***, 71, 73, 79 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, fire pump, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

\*\*\*NOTE: This complex was demolished during May and June of 2015 and has been replaced by a new residence hall. It is included in this report for three-year fire statistics reporting.

**Converse Hall**, 75 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, fire pump, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Christie Wright Patterson Complex**, 436 South Prospect Street, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Coolidge Hall**, 402 South Prospect Street, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Mason Simpson Hamilton Complex**, 438 South Prospect Street, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, portable fire extinguishers, commercial and residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Redstone Hall**, 376 South Prospect Street, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Slade Hall\*\***, 420 South Prospect Street, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**\*\*NOTE: Slade Hall was closed in May 2014 for a major renovation project. Expected opening in fall of 2017. Included here for 2014 statistics reporting.**

**Wing Davis Wilks Complex**, 486 South Prospect Street, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Jeanne Mance Hall**, 394 Pearl Street, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Mercy Hall**, 230 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, fire pump, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**McAuley Hall**, 250 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Hunt Hall**, 248 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**McCann Hall**, 240 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Ready Hall**, 246 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Richardson Hall**, 242 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**Sichel Hall**, 244 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

**The Cottages**

252 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont      Fire safety systems: automatic sprinkler system, fire and carbon monoxide alarms, portable fire extinguishers.

254 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont      Fire safety systems: automatic sprinkler system, fire and carbon monoxide alarms, portable fire extinguishers.

256 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont      Fire safety systems: automatic sprinkler system, fire and carbon monoxide alarms, portable fire extinguishers.

258 Colchester Avenue, Burlington Vermont      Fire safety systems: automatic sprinkler system, fire and carbon monoxide alarms, portable fire extinguishers.

**439 College Street**, Burlington Vermont      Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire pump, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems, fire department master radio call box.

## **Leased and Other Student Housing:**

The Higher Education Opportunity Act also requires inclusion in this report of any student housing facility that “is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution, and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus.” Fire statistics for these properties are included below.

**Redstone Apartments**, 500 South Prospect Street, Burlington Vermont were financed, constructed and are managed by a private developer. The project was built on land owned by the University of Vermont, under a long-term ground lease to the developer. Fire safety systems: automatic sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers, and a residential fire detection system, which includes smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

**Redstone Lofts**, 165 Davis Road, Burlington Vermont were financed, constructed and are managed by a private developer. The project was built on land owned by the University of Vermont, under a long-term ground lease to the developer and opened in 2012. Fire safety systems: automatic sprinkler system, portable fire extinguishers, fire alarm system including smoke and carbon monoxide detection, fire department master radio call box.

**Centennial Court Apartments**, 14 Centennial Court, Burlington Vermont are apartments on University of Vermont land, financed, constructed and managed by a private developer. University of Vermont graduate students rent some of the units. Fire safety systems: portable fire extinguishers, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and an automatic sprinkler system.

**50 Fletcher Place**, Burlington Vermont was used to house several UVM continuing education students from May to November 2014. Fire safety systems: smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, portable fire extinguishers. **Included here for three-year statistics reporting.**

**Sheraton Hotel**, 870 Williston Road, South Burlington Vermont was used to house 114 UVM undergraduate students for the Spring 2016 and Fall 2016 semesters during construction of a new on campus residence hall. Fire safety systems: automatic sprinkler systems, portable fire extinguishers, fire alarm system including smoke and carbon monoxide detection.

**Quarry Hill Apartments**, 326 Quarry Hill Road, South Burlington Vermont was used to house 120 UVM undergraduate students for the Spring 2016 and Fall 2016 semesters. during construction of a new on campus residence hall. Fire safety systems: automatic sprinkler systems, portable fire extinguishers, fire alarm system including smoke and carbon monoxide detection.



## FIRE STATISTICS FOR UVM STUDENT HOUSING CALENDAR YEAR 2016

LOCATION	FIRES	CAUSE	DEATHS	INJURIES	DAMAGE	FIRE DRILLS
HARRIS MILLIS						
67 Spear St Burlington VT LIVING/LEARNING	0		0	0		1
633 Main St Burlington VT MARSH AUSTIN TUPPER	0		0	0		1
31 Spear St Burlington VT UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS	0		0	0		1
50-90 University Heights Burlington VT	2	Intentional - burned paper on door	0	0	\$0-99	1
CHITTENDEN BUCKHAM WILLS						
71,73,79 Colchester Ave Burlington VT CONVERSE	0		0	0		1
75 Colchester Ave Burlington VT CHRISTIE WRIGHT PATTERSON	0		0	0		1
436 So Prospect St Burlington VT COOLIDGE	0		0	0		1
402 So Prospect St Burlington VT MASON SIMPSON HAMILTON	0		0	0		1
438 So Prospect St Burlington VT REDSTONE HALL	0		0	0		1
376 So Prospect St Burlington VT SLADE	0		0	0		1
420 So Prospect St Burlington VT WING DAVIS WILKS	0		0	0		1
486 So Prospect St Burlington VT JEANNE MANCE	1	Unintentional - disposal of smoking materials	0	0	\$1,000-9,999	1
394 Pearl St Burlington VT	0		0	0		1

FIRE STATISTICS FOR UVM STUDENT HOUSING CALENDAR YEAR 2016 continued

LOCATION	FIRES	CAUSE	DEATHS	INJURIES	DAMAGE	FIRE DRILLS
MCAULEY						
250 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
MERCY						
230 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
HUNT						
248 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
MCCANN						
240 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
READY						
246 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
RICHARDSON						
242 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
SICHEL						
244 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
THE COTTAGES						
252-258 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
REDSTONE APARTMENTS						
500 So Prospect St Burlington VT	1	Unintentional - Cooking	0	0	\$0-99	0
REDSTONE LOFTS						
165 Davis Rd Burlington VT	0		0	0		0
CENTENNIAL COURT APARTMENTS						
Centennial Ct Burlington VT	0		0	0		0

## FIRE STATISTICS FOR STUDENT HOUSING FOR THREE MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEARS

### FIRE STATISTICS FOR UVM STUDENT HOUSING CALENDAR YEAR 2015

LOCATION	FIRES	CAUSE	DEATHS	INJURIES	DAMAGE	FIRE DRILLS
HARRIS MILLIS 67 Spear St Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
LIVING/LEARNING 633 Main St Burlington VT	1	Intentional- toilet paper set on fire	0	0	\$0-99	1
MARSH AUSTIN TUPPER 31 Spear St Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS 50-90 University Heights Burlington VT	1	Intentional – poster set on fire	0	0	\$0-99	1
CHITTENDEN BUCKHAM WILLS 71 73 79 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
CONVERSE 75 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
CHRISTIE WRIGHT PATTERSON 436 So Prospect St Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
COOLIDGE 402 So Prospect St Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
MASON SIMPSON HAMILTON 438 So Prospect St Burlington VT	1	Unintentional- careless disposal	0	0	\$0-99	1
REDSTONE HALL 376 So Prospect St Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
SHERATON HOTEL 870 Williston Rd South Burlington VT	0		0	0		0
WING DAVIS WILKS 486 So Prospect St Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
QUARRY HILL APARTMENTS 326 Quarry Hill Rd S Burlington VT	0		0	0		0

FIRE STATISTICS FOR UVM STUDENT HOUSING CALENDAR YEAR 2015 continued

LOCATION	FIRES	CAUSE	DEATHS	INJURIES	DAMAGE	FIRE DRILLS
JEANNE MANCE						
394 Pearl St Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
MCAULEY						
250 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
MERCY						
230 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
HUNT						
248 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
MCCANN						
240 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
READY						
246 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
RICHARDSON						
242 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
SICHEL						
244 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
THE COTTAGES						
252-258 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
439 COLLEGE STREET						
439 College Street Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
REDSTONE APARTMENTS						
500 So Prospect St Burlington VT	0		0	0		0
CENTENNIAL COURT APARTMENTS						
Centennial Court Burlington VT	0		0	0		0
REDSTONE LOFTS						
165 Davis Road Burlington VT	0		0	0		0
50 FLETCHER PLACE						
50 Fletcher Place Burlington VT	0		0	0		0

## FIRE STATISTICS FOR UVM STUDENT HOUSING CALENDAR YEAR 2014

LOCATION	FIRES	CAUSE	DEATHS	INJURIES	DAMAGE	FIRE DRILLS
HARRIS MILLIS						
67 Spear St Burlington VT LIVING/LEARNING	0		0	0		1
633 Main St Burlington VT MARSH AUSTIN TUPPER	0		0	0		1
31 Spear St Burlington VT UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS	0	Unintentional- careless disposal	0	0		1
50-90 University Heights Burlington VT CHITTENDEN BUCKHAM WILLS	1		0	0	\$0-\$99	1
71.73.79 Colchester Ave Burlington VT CONVERSE	0		0	0		1
75 Colchester Ave Burlington VT CHRISTIE WRIGHT PATTERSON	0		0	0		1
436 So Prospect St Burlington VT COOLIDGE	0		0	0		1
402 So Prospect St Burlington VT MASON SIMPSON HAMILTON	0		0	0		1
438 So Prospect St Burlington VT REDSTONE HALL	0		0	0		1
376 So Prospect St Burlington VT SLADE	0		0	0		1
420 So Prospect St Burlington VT WING DAVIS WILKS	0		0	0		1
486 So Prospect St Burlington VT JEANNE MANCE	0		0	0		1
394 Pearl St Burlington VT	0		0	0		1

FIRE STATISTICS FOR UVM STUDENT HOUSING CALENDAR YEAR 2014 continued

LOCATION	FIRES	CAUSE	DEATHS	INJURIES	DAMAGE	FIRE DRILLS
MCAULEY 250 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
MERCY 230 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
HUNT 248 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
MCCANN 240 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
READY 246 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
RICHARDSON 242 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
SICHEL 244 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
THE COTTAGES 252-258 Colchester Ave Burlington VT	0		0	0		1
REDSTONE APARTMENTS 500 So Prospect St Burlington VT	0		0	0		0
REDSTONE LOFTS 165 Davis Rd Burlington VT	1	Unintentional- careless disposal	0	0	\$10,000-\$24,999	0
CENTENNIAL COURT APARTMENTS Centennial Ct Burlington VT	0		0	0		0
50 FLETCHER PLACE 50 Fletcher Place Burlington VT	0		0	0		0

## **HOUSING FIRE SAFETY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The following information is reprinted from the University of Vermont Department of Residential Life Housing and Meal Plan Contract Terms and Conditions. A copy of the current year terms and conditions can be found online at [https://reslife.uvm.edu/files/2017-2018\\_reslife\\_contract.pdf](https://reslife.uvm.edu/files/2017-2018_reslife_contract.pdf).

During the year, residence hall students will be informed about emergency evacuation of residence halls, and alarm systems will be tested periodically to ensure proper functioning.

### **Evacuation Procedures**

Residents are required to evacuate the building immediately when a fire alarm sounds. Failure to evacuate residence hall facilities is a federal offense and will result in educational sanctions and fines. The following fines will be levied for first, second and third time offenders:

- First offense: \$25
- Second offense: \$75
- Third offense: \$500

All fines will be posted to the student's account and must be paid prior to course registration or room selection.

### **Abuse, Tampering, and/or Misuse of Fire and Carbon Monoxide Safety Equipment**

Abuse or tampering with any life safety equipment or misuse of fire extinguishing equipment is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Life safety equipment includes fire and carbon monoxide alarm systems and any of their components, exit signs, emergency lights, fire and exit doors and hardware, and identification signs used by emergency responders. Offenders are subject to disciplinary action and **fines up to \$500**.

For additional information refer to the University Fire Safety policy at: <http://www.uvm.edu/policies/riskmgm/firesafety.pdf>

### **Tobacco-Free Campus**

All residence halls in all locations, including student rooms, are smoke and tobacco-free. As of August 2015 the entire UVM campus is tobacco-free.

### **Fire Hazards and Other Prohibited Items**

1. Students may not use cooking appliances or grills (including “George Foreman” electric grills) in their rooms, suites, common spaces, or in the vicinity of the residence halls. Exceptions are coffee pots with automatic shut-offs, 4.0 cubic foot refrigerators that are no more than 34” in height, 700 watt or lower microwaves, all of which are ULA listed.
2. No decorative covering or other flammable items, including but not limited to tapestries, should cover any doorway or be suspended from lofts, bunks, ceilings, exposed piping, or heating units.
3. Students may not remove screens from any residence hall windows. Hanging items outside of windows is prohibited.
4. Students may not install air conditioners.
5. Waterbeds are not permitted in the residence halls.
6. Unauthorized use of or tampering with elevators is prohibited.
7. Due to extreme risk of fire and the danger of electrical overload, the use of certain types of electrical equipment is prohibited, including: multi-plug adapters, halogen light bulbs (such as those found in most torchiere style lamps), sun lamps, immersion heaters, hot plates and other high wattage equipment, and space heaters.
8. Propping open or otherwise interfering with the closure of any entrance, exterior, or security door is prohibited.
9. Possession/use of candles, oil lamps, incense, storage of charcoal, flammable liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, “Coleman” fuels, or other items which create fire danger as a result of open flame or smoldering is prohibited.
10. Mercury thermometers, neon signs, and other items that may contain hazardous materials are prohibited.
11. Removal of University furniture, fixtures, or other property from residence hall rooms, suites, or common areas is prohibited.
12. Students may not install personal locks on any residence hall door.
13. Cinder blocks, bricks and/or other unauthorized bed risers are prohibited.
14. Extension cords are prohibited.



## **FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Annual fire safety education and training is provided for the Resident Advisors (RA's.) RA's conduct mandatory meetings for their communities and are the first line of defense in residence hall fire safety. Each fall the UVM Fire Marshal participates in the Campus Partners Fair, speaking with RA's about fire behavior, fire prevention, and what to do in case of fire emergency.

During the year, residence hall students are informed about emergency evacuation of residence halls, and alarm systems are tested periodically to ensure proper functioning. Residents are required to evacuate the building immediately when a fire alarm sounds. Supervised fire drills are conducted during the first several weeks of the fall semester in all on-campus University-controlled residence halls.

Fire safety events are held periodically on various locations around campus. These are open to the entire campus community. These events include demonstrations of common fire hazards, hands-on fire extinguisher training, and burn prevention. Annual training is also provided to Greek organizations affiliated with the University, although their housing is not university owned or controlled. Fire safety workshops are offered to students who will be moving off campus into privately owned apartments.

University policy requires all staff, students and visitors to evacuate a building whenever a fire alarm sounds. The Fire Safety policy can be found at:  
<http://www.uvm.edu/policies/riskmgm/firesafety.pdf>

Effective August 1, 2015, the University of Vermont is tobacco-free. This initiative has cut down on nuisance fires in mulch beds and cigarette butt disposal containers.

Staff involved in welding or other hot work operations receive mandatory fire prevention and fire extinguisher training. All custodial services staff members receive fire prevention, fire safety, and hands-on fire extinguisher training. Staff members involved in crowd management receive training. Faculty, staff, and student groups periodically receive fire safety training customized for their situation.

The University of Vermont is currently implementing a campus wide program called "CatWatch." CatWatch coordinators in each department are provided with training materials to help them respond to emergencies, including assisting during building evacuations. Evacuation drills are conducted after the training takes place.

## **CURRENT INFORMATION FOR THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY**

All fires should be reported to UVM Police Services by calling 911 or (802) 656-3473. Federal law requires the University of Vermont to report fire statistics. If you become aware of a fire, even after it has been extinguished, please report it to UVM Police Services at (802) 656-3473. When calling, please provide as much information as possible about the location, date, time and cause of the fire.

All on-campus fire alarms and fire incidents are recorded on the Crime and Fire Log. The log can be viewed on the UVM Police Services web site at:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~police/?Page=reports/index.php&SM=reports/nav.html>

## **PLANS FOR FUTURE FIRE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

Residence hall fire alarm systems are periodically upgraded (replaced by newer models) as needed to utilize newer technology and minimize nuisance alarms. All fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems and fire pumps are tested and inspected by third party contractors in accordance with the current Vermont Building and Fire Safety Code. Renovations to residence halls are reviewed by the University Fire Marshal as well as municipal authorities to ensure resident safety, proper functioning of fire protection systems, and emergency egress.

For additional information about fire and life safety at the University of Vermont contact:

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