



2021 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 Environmental Health & 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.

All on-campus residence halls are equipped with automatic fire sprinkler systems, automatic fire and carbon monoxide alarm systems which 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 Department of Residential Life conducts annual fire drills in the residence halls with guidance from the University Fire Marshal.

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 Annual Security Report is compiled by The University’s Clery Act Coordinator and can be accessed at: <http://www.uvm.edu/police/reports/clery/public-safety-report.pdf>

Paper copies of the Annual Security Report and the Annual Fire Safety Report (this document) may be obtained from UVM 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:

The Higher Education Opportunity Act requires the University to describe the fire safety systems in each on-campus residential facility in this report. This section contains brief descriptions of the fire safety systems available in each on-campus residence hall at the University. Fire statistics for each of these properties are included later in this report.

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

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.

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.

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, fire pump, 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.

NOTE: *In 2021, Jeanne Mance Hall was used as a COVID-19 isolation facility operated by UVM Student Health Services and as a result no fire drill was conducted in this facility in 2021.*

Mercy Hall

230 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.

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, 254, 256, 258 Colchester Avenue, Burlington, Vermont

Fire safety systems: automatic sprinkler system, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, portable fire extinguishers, residential cooking fire suppression systems.

439 College Street

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.

***NOTE:** 439 College Street was vacated for renovation in May 2018 and reopened in August 2019. Statistics for the period it was occupied during 2019 are included in this report*

Central Campus Residence Hall

170 Carrigan Drive, Burlington, Vermont

Fire safety systems: fire and carbon monoxide alarm system, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, fire pump, portable fire extinguishers, commercial and 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.” This section contains brief descriptions of each student housing facility that meets these criteria, as well as the fire safety systems available in each of these facilities. Fire statistics for each of these properties are included later in this report.

Redstone Commons (Formerly called “Redstone Apartments”)

500 South Prospect Street, Burlington, Vermont

These apartments 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

These facilities 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: fire alarm system including smoke and carbon monoxide detection, automatic sprinkler system, fire department standpipe system, fire pump, portable fire extinguishers, fire department master radio call box.

Centennial Court Apartments

14 Centennial Court, Burlington, Vermont

These 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.

ANNUAL FIRE STATISTICS: 2019 – 2021

This section contains fire statistics for the University’s owned and operated on-campus student housing facilities, as well as for student housing facilities that are located on property that is owned or controlled by the University and within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus. These statistics are presented in two tables, one for On-Campus Student Housing Facilities and one for Leased and Other Student Housing Facilities.

When reviewing these statistics, please note that the table includes the number of fires in each facility, as well as the determined cause of each fire, the number of deaths associated with each fire, the number of injuries associated with each fire, and the approximate total cost resulting from each fire. The table also includes the total number of fire drills held in each facility in each calendar year. Note that in 2020, supervised fire drills were not conducted due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on UVM Campus.

ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES

Year	Number of Fires	Cause	Deaths	Injuries	Cost	Fire Drills Held in Facility
Harris Millis – 67 Spear St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	6	Unintentional – Careless Disposal	0	0	\$100 – 999	0
		Intentional – Burned Posters	0	0	\$0 – 99	
		Intentional – Burned Posters	0	0	\$0 – 99	
		Intentional – Burned Posters	0	0	\$0 – 99	
		Intentional – Burned Posters	0	0	\$0 – 99	
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	
Living Learning Center – 633 Main St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	1	Intentional – Burned Nametag on Door	0	0	\$0 – 99	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Marsh Austin Tupper Complex – 31 Spear St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	2	Intentional – Ignited Match & Paper	0	0	\$0 – 99	1
		Intentional – Burned Hand Sanitizer Dispenser	0	0	\$0 – 99	
University Heights North and South Complexes – 30, 50, 70, 90 University Heights						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	1	Intentional – Burned Posters	0	0	\$0 – 99	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Converse Hall – 75 Colchester Ave.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Christie Wright Patterson – 436 South Prospect St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1

Year	Number of Fires	Cause	Deaths	Injuries	Cost	Fire Drills Held in Facility
Coolidge Hall – 402 South Prospect St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Mason Simpson Hamilton Complex – 438 South Prospect St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	1	Undetermined – Suspected Careless Disposal	0	0	\$0 – 99	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Redstone Hall – 376 South Prospect St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Slade Hall – 420 South Prospect St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Wing Davis Wilks Complex – 486 South Prospect St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Jeanne Mance Hall – 394 Pearl St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Mercy Hall – 230 Colchester Ave.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
McAuley Hall – 250 Colchester Ave.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Hunt Hall – 248 Colchester Ave.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
McCann Hall – 240 Colchester Ave.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1

Year	Number of Fires	Cause	Deaths	Injuries	Cost	Fire Drills Held in Facility
Ready Hall – 246 Colchester Ave.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Richardson Hall – 242 Colchester Ave.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Sichel Hall – 244 Colchester Ave.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
The Cottages – 252, 254, 256, 258 Colchester Ave.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
439 College Street – 439 College St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
Central Campus Residence Hall – 170 Carrigan Dr.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1

LEASED AND OTHER STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES

Year	Number of Fires	Cause	Deaths	Injuries	Cost	Fire Drills Held in Facility
Redstone Commons (Formerly called "Redstone Apartments") - 500 South Prospect St.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Redstone Lofts - 165 Davis Rd.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Centennial Court Apartments - 14 Centennial Ct.						
2019	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2020	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
2021	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	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/2022-2023_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: \$150
- Second offense: \$250
- 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**. Offenders may be further subject to civil penalties and fines of \$250 per violation for tampering with fire protection systems.

For additional information refer to the University's Fire Safety policy at:

<http://www.uvm.edu/policies/riskmgm/firesafety.pdf>

TOBACCO AND CANNABIS-FREE CAMPUS

All residence halls in all locations, including student rooms, are smoke, tobacco, and cannabis-free. In addition, the possession and use of tobacco and cannabis is prohibited on all University Property.

For additional information refer to the University's Tobacco-Free policy at:

http://www.uvm.edu/policies/general_html/tobacco.pdf

FIRE HAZARDS AND OTHER PROHIBITED ITEMS

1. Students may not use cooking appliances or grills in their rooms, suites, common spaces, or in the vicinity of the residence halls. This includes toasters, drip coffee pots, rice cookers, hot plates, panini presses, electric grills, or any similar devices. Exceptions are 700-watt or lower microwaves and 4.0 cubic foot refrigerators no more than 34" tall that carry a UL Mark.
2. 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 torchière style lamps), spider lamps, sun lamps, immersion heaters, hot plates and other high-wattage equipment, and space heaters.
3. 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.
4. Possession/use of candles, oil lamps, incense, storage of charcoal, flammable liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, "Coleman" fuels, or other items that create fire danger as a result of open flame or smoldering is prohibited.
5. Extension cords are not permitted; however, power strips with over-current protection that carry a UL Mark are allowed
6. Mercury thermometers, neon signs, and other items that may contain hazardous materials are prohibited.
7. Concrete blocks, bricks, and/or other unapproved bed risers are prohibited.
8. Waterbeds are not permitted in the residence halls.
9. Students may not use fog machines or other special - effects machines in the residence halls.
10. Dance /exercise poles are prohibited in student rooms.
11. Students may not remove screens from any residence hall windows. Hanging items outside of windows is prohibited, including antennas and satellite dishes.
12. Students may not install personal air conditioners. Air conditioners recommended by Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and installed by Residential Life may be permitted.
13. Students may not install personal locks on any residence hall door.
14. No posters may be affixed to the outside of individual room or suite doors, with the exception of white boards and message boards.
15. Unauthorized use of or tampering with elevators is prohibited.
16. Propping open or otherwise interfering with the closure of any entrance, exterior, or security door is prohibited.
17. Removal or possession of University property is prohibited, including but not limited to: furniture and appliances; fixtures; other property from residence hall rooms, suites, or common areas; and road, construction, cleaning, or exit signs
18. Hoverboards or similar battery-powered personal transporters are prohibited due to the high risk of battery explosion or fire.
19. Students may not place any outward facing displays in room windows.

Offenses will be documented and violations will be processed administratively by Residential Life, who may assess fines of up to \$500. **Any policy violation that results in a response by the Burlington Fire Department is subject to judicial action and an automatic fine of \$500.**

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Annual fire safety education and training is provided for the Resident Advisors (RAs.) RAs conduct mandatory meetings for their communities and are the first line of defense in residence hall fire safety. Each fall the UVM Fire Marshal trains all incoming RAs and Residential Staff 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 with the assistance of the Burlington Fire Department. Note that in 2020, supervised fire drills were not conducted due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on UVM Campus.

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 university 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>

The University of Vermont is tobacco and cannabis-free. Prohibiting tobacco and cannabis on campus helps prevent nuisance fires in mulch beds and 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.

CURRENT INFORMATION FOR THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

REPORTING FIRES

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.

FIRE LOG

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:

<https://www.uvm.edu/police/crime-fire-log>

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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