

Campus Fire Safety Annual Compliance Report Overview

The Higher Education Opportunity Act requires all United States academic institutions to produce an annual fire safety report outlining fire safety practices, standards, and all fire related on campus statistics related to student housing. The following public disclosure report details all information required by this law as it relates to East Stroudsburg University.

Fire safety education, training and fire drills

All on campus residents, including those with special needs, receive fire safety training during orientation. All residents are required to review and comply with the requirements outlined in the student handbook, which includes information on fire safety, and what appropriate action to take during a fire alarm or fire emergency. Training on fire and life safety is also provided to all Resident Directors and Resident Advisors, as well as housekeeping staff and University facilities management staff. Emergency evacuation maps are posted on each floor to direct occupants to primary and secondary exits.

Fire alarm and system description

Fire alarm systems consist of manual pull stations, visual/audible alarm devices, and integrated automatic detection devices.

Addressable smoke detectors/sounder bases and heat detectors are located in individual sleeping rooms and corridors, common areas and mechanical spaces.

Individual components of the fire alarm system are tested bi-annually by a certified fire alarm company in accordance with NFPA 72 national fire alarm codes.

Automatic sprinkler system description

Automatic sprinklers are tied into the fire alarm system. All residence halls are fully sprinklered in accordance with NFPA 13. Automatic sprinkler systems are inspected bi-annually by a certified inspection company in accordance with NFPA 13A - Fire Suppression Equipment.

Portable fire extinguishers are located in accordance with NFPA 10 - Standards for Portable Fire Extinguishers.

Portable fire extinguisher inspection

Fire extinguishers located in residence halls are inspected monthly by the Department of Environmental Health & Safety. Annual inspection is conducted by a certified vendor in accordance with NFPA 10 - Standards for Portable Fire Extinguishers.

The use of open flames and pyrotechnics, the layout of staging areas and tents, and the use of decorations are all strictly monitored by the Department of Environmental Health and Safety.

Electrical appliances such as electric stoves, George Foreman type grills, toaster ovens, toasters, crock pots, sandwich makers, space heaters, hot pots, and other open coil appliances are not permitted in residence halls.

A fire log of all fires reported, including the nature, date, time and general location, is maintained by the East Stroudsburg University Police Department located in the basement of Hemlock Suites, 161 Smith Street, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. The log is available for public view between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

On campus housing fire safety equipment

At East Stroudsburg University, all eight of our residence halls, as well as our University Ridge complex, are protected by fire detection and alarm systems, which are centrally monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by the University Police Department. The fire alarm panel consists of a Simplex Grinnell fire alarm panel and monitoring system. The buildings are also equipped with emergency generators and lighting fixtures that incorporate backup batteries upon loss of power. These systems automatically activate to ensure adequate egress lighting in hallways and emergency exit stairwells. All of our residence halls are fully equipped with sprinkler systems. Carbon monoxide detectors are installed in all residence hall mechanical rooms and all rooms where products of combustion could occur. All fire safety systems and equipment are strictly maintained and tested in accordance with applicable national standards.

Fire and evacuation drills

Residence halls are required to have one fire drill per month while school is in main session. A total of eight drills per school year are conducted.