

2015 Annual Fire Safety Report

Housing and Residential Life Annual Fire Safety Report information

Sec. 668.49 Institutional fire safety policies and fire statistics

What are the fire statistics for each of UNLV's on-campus student housing facilities?

Presented below are the statistics for each on-campus student housing facility for the three most recent calendar years, 2012, 2013, and 2014.

In the past three calendar years there have been two fires in the on-campus student housing facilities (see below):

A fire was reported on April 7, 2013, in Dayton Northwest room 213. This fire was the result of a garbage can fire ignited by coals from a hookah that was smoked outside but emptied into the room garbage can. During this April 7, 2013 fire, the sprinkler system was activated and significant water damage, as well as smoke damage within Dayton North 213, occurred. Property damage of approximately \$100,000.00 resulted. No deaths occurred.

A fire was reported on March 1, 2014, in South Complex, Boyd Hall elevator shaft. This fire was most likely caused by paper stuck into the elevator lighting. During this March 1, 2014 fire, DPS and LVFD responded. Minimal damage occurred.

There have been no fire-related injuries during the same period that resulted in treatment at a medical facility (including an on-campus health center).

Could you please provide a description of each on-campus student housing facilities fire safety system?

Appendix: Fire Safety Equipment

Equipment Type	Tonopah South /Center	Tonopah North	HUH UCC A	RHB UCC B	RHC UCC C
Panel Name:	SIEMENS	Notifier NFS23030.	SILENT KNIGHT	SILENT KNIGHT	SILENT KNIGHT
Panel Model:	MXL	SXL	SK-5208	SK-5208	SK-5208
Main/Sub Panels	1	1	1	1	1
Smoke Detectors	130	44	45	33	28
Pull Stations	0	18	13	8	9
Heat Detectors	0	0	0	0	0
Duct Detectors	2	11	0	0	0
Water Flows	7	6	1	1	1
Tampers	7	14	3	3	3

Equipment Type	Dayton	South Service	South Complex	MFH UCC D
Panel Name:	FCI	SILENT KNIGHT	SIEMENS	SILENT KNIGHT
Panel Model:	7100 SERIES		MXL-IQ	SK-5208
Main/Sub Panels	1	1	1	1
Smoke Detectors	158	1	95	30
Pull Stations	2	3	35	8
Heat Detectors	0	0	32	0
Duct Detectors	0	0	3	0
Water Flows	8	1	13	1
Tampers	13	1	17	3

Notes:

All Buildings have Fire Extinguishers

All Buildings have Audible Horns

The Residence Hall buildings all have independent smoke detectors in each residential room

Dayton Complex and Tonopah South/Center have Strobe Lights in each residential room

*** upgrades to Tonopah North Fire system in 2014.

*Replaced fire alarm system

- *Replaced fire doors to elevators on 1st and 2nd floor with steel doors and mags
- *Removed pressure fan in east stairwell
- *Remove fire hoses (2 per floor) and drywall where cabinet used to be
- *Added sprinklers where non-existent: 1st floor men's & women's restroom and 2nd floor IT room.

What were the number of fire drills that were held during the previous calendar year of 2014?

twelve fire drills were held in 2014.

What are your institution's policies or rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in your student housing facilities?

Appliances

Fire hazards, personal injuries, and property damages are the result of the use and storage of the following appliances in the residence halls: grills (BBQ or otherwise), stoves, hot plates, toaster ovens, space heaters, sun lamps, halogen lamps, and electric blankets. Therefore, these items are NOT allowed in the residence halls. Increased bug and rodent populations, food spoilage, and odors also result from trying to cook in residence hall rooms that are not equipped with adequate cooking facilities. Hot air poppers, coffee pots, and other appliances that have enclosed elements and Underwriter's Laboratory approval may be used in student rooms.

Smoking

All residence halls including common-use areas and individual rooms are non-smoking. This includes lounges, study rooms, laundry rooms, corridors, stairwells, recreation rooms, and elevators. Smoking is only allowed in designated outside areas.

Candles and Incense

The use and/or storage of candles or incense have resulted in injuries, fires, and property damage. Therefore, candles, incense, or other devices with an open flame are not permitted in the residence halls.

What are your institutions procedures for student housing evacuation in the case of a fire?

UNLV Housing and Residential Life staff members have a responsibility to assist Fire and Police Departments in responding to fire alarms within the residence halls. Residence hall fires are reported each year at university campuses all over the country. Few result in injury and fatalities. However, there is always a possibility for injury or death to occur in the case of an actual fire within the residence halls. Every fire alarm should be responded to as though it was a real fire. DPS should be called immediately on the activation of any fire alarm and building evacuation and crowd control should commence. Never put oneself in any danger, real or potential!

Office Assistants

- Call DPS to alert them of the fire alarm
- (During business hours) If (A)RLC is not available to respond, call RebelRepair Help Desk (5-5324)
- Upon direction, RLC or facilities staff can reset the fire system.
- OAs may be directed to assist with crowd control
- Once alarm has been resolved, return to desk to complete the shift

RA on Duty

- (if the desk is closed) Call DPS to alert them of the fire alarm
- Call the Coordinator-on-call

ALL available complex RAs

- Go to predetermined staging area
- RAs will be directed to monitor emergency exits and direct residents to the complex's evacuation zone* by either the RA on duty or a responding (A)RLC
- RAs may also be directed to assist with crowd control and communicating instructions to evacuated residents.
- An RA may be directed by an (A)RLC to review the fire panel and proceed to the location of the alarm to determine the possible cause for the alarm

(A)RLC

In person or via reporting RA, review the fire panel to determine the location of the alarm.

(A)RLC may direct the reporting RA to proceed to the alarm location to determine the possible cause of the alarm

- The (A)RLC will assume control of the situation upon his/her arrival until Emergency Personnel respond. The (A)RLC will serve as the primary communicator with RAs and any responding Emergency Personnel
- Any actual fire should immediately be reported to the AD-on-call

The fire department or DPS will clear the building for re-entry. RAs should remain available to help residents who are locked out of their room.

REMEMBER: During a fire alarm situation University Police Officers and Fire Department Personnel have complete authority. Any directive or request received from one of these individuals needs to be followed explicitly.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION ZONES

Dayton Complex	-	SWRC lawn
South Complex	-	Lawn to the south of South Services building
Tonopah Complex	-	Student Union
UCC Hughes, B, C	-	LDS or Newman Center parking lot
UCC Faiman	-	Basketball Court between the Student Affairs Maintenance Shop (SAM) & South Complex

What are the policies regarding fire safety education and training programs that are provided to the students and employees? In these policies, the institution must describe the procedures that students and employees should follow in the case of a fire.

Every Residential Life Coordinator, Assistant Residential Life Coordinator, Resident Assistant, and Community Assistant goes through emergency response training prior to the residence halls opening for Fall. During this training, every staff member goes through the fire drill policies, sounds the fire alarm, and goes through the alarms stations and how to respond during a drill. The policies and procedures from our staff manual are included in the previous section titled, “*What are your institutions procedures for student housing evacuation in the case of a fire?*”

For the purposes of including a fire in the statistics in the annual fire safety report, could you provide a list of the titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report that a fire occurred?

Residential Life Coordinator, Tonopah Hall (Eric Morrow)

Residential Life Coordinator, UCC (Janna Bernstein)

Residential Life Coordinator, Dayton Hall (Alicia Cody)

Residential Life Coordinator, South (Andre Lignelli)

Assistant Director, Residential Life (Tem Sedgwick)

Executive Director of Housing and Residential Life (Richard Clark)

If UNLV has determined that future improvements in fire safety are necessary, what are those plans?

During Summer of 2014, Housing and Residential Life worked to improve the alarm and sprinkler systems within Tonopah Complex and is working with state officials to provide comprehensive sprinkler coverage.

How can I directly access UNLV's Annual Security Report?

UNLV's Annual Security Report may be directly accessed over the internet at the following address: www.unlv.edu/police/report. If you would prefer to have a copy of the report mailed to you free of charge, please call [702-895-4747](tel:702-895-4747) and leave your mailing address when prompted.