Overview

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) (PL 110-315) became law in August 2008 requiring all institutions of higher education that provide residential housing facilities for students to develop an annual fire safety report. Contents of this report reflect the requirements outlined in HEOA, which are included in Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) campus fire safety program. Elements of the campus fire safety program consist of: fire prevention policies and practices, fire safety educational and training initiatives, description of fire protection equipment in the residence halls, emergency evacuation procedures, routine room inspections and scheduled supervised fire drills. This Annual Fire Safety Report summarizes the elements of the campus fire safety program, which is administered and maintained by the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S), Public Safety and Office of Residence Life.

Residence Facilities

Fennell Building
179 Longwood Ave.
Boston, MA

Matricaria Building
177 Longwood Ave.
Boston, MA

T. Boryzek Living and Learning Center
25 Foster St
Worcester, MA

Fire Safety Alarm Systems/Fire Equipment

- MCPHS’s four residential building are completely covered by intergrated automatic sprinkler and fire alarm systems which are monitored 24 hours a day seven days a week by MCPHS Public Safety Department Staff. The buildings are equipped with emergency lighting which are designed to automatically activate whenever there is a power outage. Backup emergency generators and/or back-up power supplies support life safety detection systems, as well as lighting and exit signage, ensuring a high degree of safety at all times.
- Each building is equipped with an audible alarm and visible strobe indicating an emergency. These devices are mounted above head level and in several conspicuous locations throughout the floors. The alarm is a continuous sound where the strobe is an intermittent white flash. The signals are distinctive and the audible alarm is above ambient noise levels. The alarms are connected to alarm pulls and smoke detectors located throughout the buildings. Once an alarm is triggered, it can only be shut-off at their respective main panels. The Boston Fire Department or Worcester Fire Department will signal an all clear and only then will the alarm system be turned off.

- Fennell, Martricaria T. Boryzek and Ten Lincoln Center, buildings are all equipped with a sprinkler system. This system will trigger based on pre-established settings based on temperature. Each system is tested on a routine basis with scheduled preventative maintenance. If a system is found to be defective or requiring repair, a work order is submitted and completed immediately.

- All Buildings are equipped with an appropriate fire extinguishers mounted on walls or in cabinets.

- Communications between Critical Operations Personnel will be via two way radio.

**Fire Safety Training and Drills**

All Residents, Residents Assistants, and Residence Life Staff receive comprehensive fire safety training prior to the start of every fall semester. Topics include a review of the fire prevention policies, evacuation procedures, fire extinguisher operation. One fire drill per residence hall is conducted each fall semester. Participation in fire safety trainings is mandatory and failure to evacuate the building during a fire alarm will result in disciplinary action. Department Environmental Health &Safety, Public Safety Department and Director Residence Life evaluate the drill’s performance to identify problems.

**Safety Inspections**

Residence Life Staff performs residential inspections approximately one per semester. Residents are notified beforehand of the inspection process. The inspections are conducted to identify safety violations as well as conditions that may be detrimental to the health or well being of the residential community.

Prohibited items include:

- Smoking
- Use of candles or incense
- Halogen lamps

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- Possession of fireworks and flammable liquids
- BBQ Grills
- Straw or hay bails
- Christmas trees (live)
- Plastic waste paper baskets (metal only)
- Cooking inside bedrooms
- Lava lamps

Note: Please refer to MCPHS’s Student Handbook for a complete list of prohibited items.

**Student Residents Evacuation Procedures**

- Any student discovering/causing a fire will activate the alarm at the nearest pull station. Be aware of the location of fire extinguishers and pull stations.
- At the sound of the fire alarm all persons are required to evacuate the building. All alarms are to be considered real. Failure to evacuate the building will result in severe disciplinary action.
- When leaving your room, close the door behind but do not lock it. This will facilitate quicker response by fire response personnel. If possible, put on shoes and a jacket.
- Evacuate to your nearest exit. Familiarize yourself with stairwells and exits other than the main entrance.
- Do Not Use The Elevators. Refer to the posted evacuation maps.
- Once outside, quickly walk away from the building and assemble in the predetermined muster area for your floor. Await instructions from Resident Director.
- Do not return to building unless “All Clear” is given.
Fire Statistics for On-Campus Housing 2009

Residence Hall Fire Report 2009

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Daily Fire Log

The Public Safety Department is responsible for keeping a log that records all fires and alarm activations in student housing facilities. The Fire Log includes the nature, date, time and general location of each fire. The Fire Log for the most recent 60 days will be available for viewing at the Public Safety Palace Road Desk (Boston) or the T Borysek Building (Worcester) during normal business hours. Any portion of the fire log older than 60 days will be available within 2 business days of a request for public inspection.

Future Improvement

MCPHS continues to upgrade and improve its fire safety systems on an as-needed basis. Planned improvements coincide with scheduled renovation, summer projects and/or new construction. MCPHS will focus on enhancing and improving the fire safety training in the next year as well as increasing the number of supervised fire drills.

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