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Facilities Operations & Services
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The Higher Education Opportunity Act, enacted on August 14, 2008, requires institutions that maintain on-campus student housing facilities to publish an annual fire safety report that contains information about campus fire safety practices and standards of the institution.

A. Fire Statistics for On-campus Student Housing Facilities

	2021				2022				2023			
	Fires	Injuries	Deaths	Property Damage	Fires	Injuries	Deaths	Property Damage	Fires	Injuries	Deaths	Property Damage
Centennial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fairfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grasso	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Litchfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

B. Description of On-Campus Student Housing Fire Safety Systems:

All On-Campus Student Housing is equipped with the following fire safety features:

- Complete automatic sprinkler system.
- Fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and voice evacuation monitored by the WCSU Police Department.
- Smoke alarm in each sleeping room, interconnected within common areas of suites and apartments. Activation is initially local to the detector of origin and transmits a warning signal to WCSU Police Department. After 1 minute of local alarm

activation, verification of a smoke condition, or activation of a second smoke detector, the system will sound a General Fire Alarm within the building. All fire alarm events, troubles, and supervisory signals are monitored by the WCSU Police Department.

- Upon the receipt of a fire alarm signal by the WCSU Police Department dispatcher, an automatic fire alarm is reported to the City Of Danbury Fire Department through the 9-1-1 System.
- Egress corridors and stairwells are fire rated.
- Residents with disabilities are accommodated according to their needs. A list of mobility impaired students is maintained by the University and is reported to the WCSU Police Department.
- The WCSU Police Department is equipped with a Redundant Fire Alarm Command Center.

C. Number of regular mandatory supervised fire drills:

Each on-campus student housing facility has at least one fire evacuation drill conducted and evaluated by the University Director of Environmental Health and Safety each semester.

D. Policies on portable electrical appliances, smoking and open flames:

On campus housing facilities have prohibitions against the following activities:

- Smoking.
- Using lighted candles or any other open flame devices.
- Cooking in unapproved areas (bedrooms) including use of toaster ovens and appliances with an open heating element.
- Microwaves are permitted only in locations where they have been installed by the University.
- Use of space heaters (Except when issued by Residential Facilities for emergency outages of heat).
- Use of extension cords.

- Tampering with or blocking any fire protection equipment.
- Possession of fireworks.
- Use of halogen lamps or halogen bulbs.

Additional information is available on the following web sites:

Housing and Residence Life - Residence Hall Regulations and Policies

<https://www.wcsu.edu/housing/policies/>

Environmental Health and Safety—Life and Fire Safety

<https://www.wcsu.edu/ehs/fireprevention/>

E. Policies for Fire Safety Education for students, faculty and staff:

The Fire Safety Element within the Department of Environmental Health & Safety provides training to Residence Life staff including Resident Assistants, Residence Hall Directors and other administrative staff as necessary. The training includes annual R/A Fire Safety Training. Training provides information on fire protection features of facilities, fire prevention, emergency procedures, and conducting fire safety education sessions for residents, and hands-on fire extinguisher training.

F. Plans for future improvements in fire safety:

The University Director of Environmental Health and Safety continually evaluates the fire protection systems within student housing facilities. Evaluations culminate in the incorporation of fire safety upgrades. Such upgrades occur through replacements or building renovations. Current plans include: Upgrading older fire alarm systems.

Access to WCSU Police Department’s Annual Security Report is at:

<https://www.wcsu.edu/police/> under “annual report”

Questions regarding the fire prevention/fire protection program may be addressed to:

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This document is available on the WCSU Web site at:

<https://www.wcsu.edu/ehs/fireprevention/>