

**East Texas Baptist University
Fire Safety Report 2008
January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008**

East Texas Baptist University, in accordance with an amendment to the Higher Education Act, compiles statistics on fires and fire safety in campus housing. A log of all fires will be kept in the Security Office and made available for review by the University family upon request. The fire log will be compiled by calendar year, and disclosed to the University family before October 1st of the fall semester.

Fire Statistics in Campus Housing for 2008

- Number of fires in campus housing0
- Location of fires.....N/A
- Cause of fires.....N/A
- Number of injuries or deaths0
- Amount of property damage\$0.00

Fire Safety Systems for Residence Halls and Apartments

Feagin Hall (est. 1950) – Men’s residence hall (2 per room)

- Fire Alarm System with panel – smoke detectors in hallways
- Nine volt battery powered smoke detectors in each residence room
- Fire extinguishers in hallways and lobby
- Pull stations in hallways

Fry Hall (est. 1977, remodeled in 2008) – Men’s five bedroom apartments without kitchen

- Smoke detectors in every bedroom and lobby – 110 volt hardwired with battery backup
- Fire extinguishers (4) on walls of courtyard

Linebery Hall (est. 1961) – Women’s residence hall (2 per room)

- Fire Alarm System with panel – smoke detectors in hallways
- Nine volt battery powered smoke detectors in each residence room
- Fire extinguishers in hallways and lobby
- Pull stations in hallways

Mabee Hall (est. 1992) – Men’s four bedroom apartments with kitchen

- Fire Alarm System with panel
- Smoke detectors – five per apartment (4 bedrooms and living room)
- Fire extinguishers in 32 apartments and lobby
- Fire extinguishers in lobby and porches of courtyards
- Pull stations under covered walkways

Merle Bruce Hall (est. 1928) – Residence hall (2 per room)

- Fire Alarm System with panel – smoke detectors in hallways
- Nine volt battery powered smoke detectors in each residence room
- Fire extinguishers in hallways and lobby
- Pull stations in hallways

Ornelas Residential Center (est. 1996) – Women’s four bedroom apartments with kitchen

- Fire alarm system with panel
- Smoke detectors – five per apartment (4 bedrooms and living room)
- Fire extinguishers in 48 apartments and lobby
- Fire extinguishers in lobby and porches of courtyards
- Pull stations under covered walkways

University Apartments (est. 202) – Men and Women four bedroom apartments with kitchen

- Smoke detectors in every bedroom – 110 volt hardwired with battery backup
- Smoke detector in lobby and Director’s apartment
- Fire extinguishers in every apartment and lobby

Van Zandt Married Housing (est. 1978/1981) – One and two bedroom apartments

- Fire extinguishers in every apartment
- Fire extinguishers in hallways and under covered porches

NOTE: In dormitory rooms with battery powered smoke detectors the batteries are checked and changed twice a year.

Community Living Policies

The University is an alcohol/drug/weapon/tobacco free campus. All students are prohibited from having alcohol, drugs, weapons and/or tobacco on campus, in their automobiles, or on their person at any time.

Candles, open flames, incense lighters, or matches are prohibited in campus housing due to their potential as fire hazards.

In Fry, Merle Bruce, and Linebery, the following cooking appliances are prohibited from use: ovens, skillets, hotplates, crock pots, toasters, microwaves and electric heaters. Those items listed above are permitted in the following residential facilities: Mabee, Ornelas, and University Apartments.

In Fry, Merle Bruce and Linebery, micro fridge units are allowed in residence hall rooms, but refrigerators have to be equal to or less than 2.5 cubic feet in size and draw no more than 1.5 amps.

Small coffee pots are allowed in all residence hall rooms.

Fire Prevention

Students should take responsibility to ensure halls are free of fire hazards. Students shall ensure that all fire equipment, fire doors, and fire exits remain unobstructed in their residential hall. Open flames such as candles, incense, matches, or lighters, are prohibited due to their potential as fire hazards. Irons and cooking appliances should never be left on when the room is unoccupied. Electrical outlets should never be overloaded.

Fire Evacuation Procedures

First Alarm Sounds

- Residents should check their immediate area for any obvious indications of a fire or other cause for the alarm. If none are observed, they should be on the alert for a second alarm
- Residents should use common sense and remain calm.

Second Alarm Sounds

- Staff members will investigate the cause of each alarm and will sound a second sustained alarm if one is needed. This second alarm should sound within minutes after the completion of the first alarm.
- Residents should begin an immediate and orderly evacuation along the designated routes. They should exit the building and wait for instructions or permission to reenter the building.
- Residents should not run. They should move quickly out the nearest designated stairwell and exit.
- Residents should take their room keys with them. A staff member will check to make certain that rooms, baths, and closets are not occupied. Staff members will also check lobby areas of the hall. Anyone who does not evacuate or properly and quickly comply with the instructions of the staff member may face disciplinary action.
- The residence hall staff will signal that the building is safe and ready for reentry. No one is to reenter until the signal is given by ETBU personnel.

Procedures for Fire evacuation are posted in each student's room/apartment

Fire Safety Education

Mandatory supervised fire drills are conducted once each semester in the following residential facilities: Feagin, Fry, Linebery, Mabee, and Ornelas. Drills are scheduled after 10:00PM in the evening to assure that the maximum numbers of residents are present to participate in the drill.

No fire drills are mandated for University Apartments or Van Zandt Married housing.

Fire Safety Inspections

All campus buildings are inspected annually (before the fall semester begins) by the Marshall Fire Department. All fire alarms systems and sprinkler systems are inspected and tested annually. Also, all fire extinguishers are inspected and serviced on an annual basis.

Future improvements to Fire Safety Program

The University will continually evaluate our program to see if potential changes are needed to improve the safety of our students living in campus housing.

The Division of Student Services will require safety education and training for all students living in our residence halls or apartments this year. This training will take place during mandatory meetings in each residence hall and will involve discussing fire safety responsibilities as well as evacuation routes. It will also include Fire Safety public service announcements (PSA) in the form of video PSA's and notifications via email and Facebook groups. This education and training in another format will also be required of students living in Van Zandt Married Housing and our campus houses. Evacuation routes including fire safety zones will be posted in each residential hall during this school year.