

**SALISBURY UNIVERSITY  
2024 ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT**

**Disability** –If you have a disability to an extent, it impairs your mobility, it is your responsibility to inform your supervisor or resident director. You are the best judge of your physical limitations. Co-workers, staff, or residents will assist you to evacuate only if it places them in no personal danger. Visually impaired persons should have a sighted assistant to guide them to safety. Hearing impaired persons will be informed of the emergency by strobe lights and individually by co-workers, staff or other students. If you are unable to evacuate using the stairs, look for “areas of refuge” such as within stair enclosures or on the protected side of corridor fire doors.

## **BUILDING FIRE SURVIVAL INFORMATION**

**Feel the Door before Opening** – Before opening any doors, feel the metal doorknob. If it is hot, do not open the door. If it is cool, brace yourself against the door, open it slightly, and if heat or smoke are present, close the door and stay in the room.

**If You Get Trapped** - Keep the doors closed and seal cracks and vents if smoke comes in. If you are trapped in a room and there is no smoke outside, open the windows. Lower the top to let heat and smoke out and the bottom to let fresh air in.

**Signal for Help** – Hang an object in the window such as a towel or jacket to attract the attention of the fire department. If you have a phone, dial 911 and report that you are trapped and provide room number or location information.

**Drop and Roll** – If your clothes catch on fire, immediately stop, drop and roll to smother the flames.

**Fire Extinguishers** – Fire extinguishers are placed in university buildings in accordance with state requirements. It is university policy that everyone evacuates the building during a fire emergency. Only individuals that are trained in the use of fire extinguishers may voluntarily choose to fight a fire if the fire is very small. If the fire extinguisher does not put out the fire, leave immediately.

Physical Plant Trades, Grounds, and housekeeping personnel are trained annually in fire safety protocols and procedures by EHS. In addition, Physical Plant Trades, Housekeeping and Laboratory personnel are provided training for use of fire extinguishers for incipient fires in their work areas.

Mandatory training of residential staff occurs annually in August and includes a policy and resource manual. This training includes information on proper notification, evacuation procedures, fire drill protocol and assembly area activities, fire protection features of facilities, fire prevention, and conducting fire safety education sessions for residents. Additional in-service

Candles (lit and unlit), incense and potpourri

Storage of motorcycles, motorbikes and any gasoline engine or gas/oil

of checking-in during a building evacuation allows emergency personnel to know if anyone may still be in the building. Evacuation routes are posted in each campus building and online at: <http://www.salisbury.edu/administration/administration-and-finance-offices/environmental-safety/floorplans.aspx>.

Tampering with fire safety equipment (alarms, extinguisher, hoses, smoke detectors, etc.) is a violation of the criminal code and jeopardizes lives and property. Accordingly, the University reserves the right to prosecute anyone found tampering with fire safety equipment, in addition to taking disciplinary action which could mean suspension from the University. Failure to exit the building or comply with a university official during a planned or unscheduled fire drill will result in disciplinary action and/or fine.

### **EVACUATION PLAN FOR ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES**

A building emergency evacuation sign with floor plans, emergency information and instructions is located at posted points throughout each building. Resident students are expected to learn the location of exit stairwells and doors and to plan more than one exit route. When the fire alarm sounds, all occupants are expected to evacuate. Once outside, go to the pre-determined

Additional information is available online at:

1. [www.salisbury.edu/administration/student-affairs/housing-and-residence-life/facilities-operations.aspx](http://www.salisbury.edu/administration/student-affairs/housing-and-residence-life/facilities-operations.aspx)
2. University Park Student Apartments Resident Handbook – <http://www.upsalisbury.com/Resident-Handbook/Resident-Handbook>

## **FIRE LOG**

Fire incidents are available for review at <https://www.salisbury.edu/police/clery-compliance/daily-crime-and-incident-log.aspx>. It contains information about fires that occur in the residence halls such as the nature, date, time and location

**2021 FIRE STATISTICS FOR ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES**

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	TOTAL FIRES IN EACH FACILITY	DATE	TIME	CAUSE	NUMBER OF INJURIES THAT REQUIRED TREATMENT AT A MEDICAL FACILITY	NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO FIRE	VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE
CHOPTANK HALL	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CHESAPEAKE HALL	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CHESTER HALL	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DOGWOOD VILLAGE	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MANOKIN HALL	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NANTICOKE HALL	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
POCOMOKE HALL	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ST. MARTIN HALL	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SEA GULL SQUARE	1	08/13/21	N/A	Grease fire reported after the fact	0	0	\$100-\$999
SEVERN HALL	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WICOMICO HALL	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
UNIVERSITY PARK	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**2022 FIRE STATISTICS FOR ON-**



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**PLANS FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN FIRE SAFETY:**

Over the past several years, many of the residence halls have been upgraded to include voice enabled emergency annunciators and full sprinkler coverage. Of the 12 residence halls, only Dogwood Village does not have a sprinkler system at this time. According to the facility master plan, Dogwood Village will be replaced by a new residence hall in the future. The replacement will have a full sprinkler system and include a voice annunciator system.

In 2015 all smoke detectors were replaced in every University Park apartment. During 2016, 22 water gauges were replaced and Knox boxes were added to each building. During 2020 Chesapeake Hall had new fire panels, fire detectors and pull stations installed. A full time Fire Marshall w