

THE ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT

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Campus Public Safety

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This report contains information about the number and location of fires, evacuation plans for the residence halls, fire safety educational opportunities and specific University policies, procedures and programs related to these matters. If you live in or visit the residence halls, please familiarize yourself with this information and contact Residential Hall RA's (Residential Advisors) working in your building, or to answer any questions you may have.

Portland State University created and hired a Fire & Life Safety Officer in 2013. The Fire & Life Safety Officer collaborates with University Departments, Portland Fire Bureau, and other key stakeholders to implement fire and life safety programs, promote fire prevention, and enhance emergency preparedness. This position has since transitioned to the nomenclature "[Fire Prevention Coordinator](#)", and you can also inquire at fireprevention@pdx.edu.

The Fire Prevention Coordinator oversees the Fire Marshal building inspection program of PSU owned and leased spaces, provides fire and life safety code expertise for construction projects, special events, evacuation planning and drills, witnesses tests and fire sprinkler system installations in both new construction and tenant improvements to ensure compliance, and performs other duties as needed. In addition, the Fire Prevention Coordinator conducts code enforcement inspections of existing/newly constructed structures and businesses to ensure compliance in State and local ordinances, statutes, codes, and standards. The Fire Prevention Coordinator conducts training classes for the University on issues related to fire prevention and safety, including delivering educational presentations to public groups, organizations, and businesses, and participating in special events involving public safety education.

With recommendations from the Fire Prevention Coordinator, Portland State University continues to plan for fire safety improvements to residential halls and other PSU owned and controlled buildings.

FIRE STATISTICS

During the calendar year of 2019, Portland State University had 4 fire incidents in Student Housing. Others occurred in dumpsters more than 50 feet away from housing area, in garden area several feet away or events may have only triggered fire alarms.

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL HALLS FIRE INCIDENTS IN 2019

Location	Number of Fires in Each Building	Cause of Fire	Injuries	Deaths	Damage
Blackstone	0	n/a	0	0	\$0.00
Blumel	1	Accidental, wrong trash bin in trash room/plastic type	0	0	Value unknown
Broadway	1	Accidental, stove fire	0	0	Minimal Value
King Albert	0	n/a	0	0	\$0.00
Montgomery	0	n/a	0	0	\$0.00
Ondine	1	Arson, Dumpster fire near building	0	0	Minimal Value
Parkway	0	n/a	0	0	\$0.00
Stephen Epler	0	n/a	0	0	\$0.00
St. Helens	0	n/a	0	0	\$0.00
*University Pointe	1	Dumpster fire inside building, cause undetermined	0	0	Minimal Value

Damage under \$2,500 not claimed.

*University Pointe is a student housing building occupying the majority of the block bounded by SW College Street, 5th Avenue, Jackson Street, and 6th Avenue. Constructed in 2013, the building is unique among PSU buildings in that its land is owned by PSU, but the building itself is owned and operated independently by the Texas-based company, American Campus Communities.

RESIDENCE HALL FIRE DRILLS

In order to protect the life safety of PSU students, University Housing and Residence Life holds quarterly Fire Drills within the first ten days of the academic quarter. These drills are coordinated through a partnership between Emergency Management and Residence Life. Furthermore, the Fire Drills provide a chance for University Housing Maintenance, Facilities and Planning, Environmental Health and Safety and Campus Public Safety to test their response plans and strategies in a coordinated effort. **Note: In early 2019, St. Helens Residence was undergoing renovations.**

2019 RESIDENTIAL HALL FIRE DRILLS

Residential Hall	Winter Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	Fall Term
Blackstone	Jan-17-2019	April-11-2019	July-25-2019	Oct-02-2019
Blumel	Jan-17-2019	April-11-2019	July-25-2019	Oct-02-2019
Broadway	Jan-17-2019	April-11-2019	July-25-2019	Oct-02-2019
King Albert	Jan-17-2019	April-11-2019	July-25-2019	Oct-02-2019
Montgomery	Jan-17-2019	April-11-2019	July-25-2019	Oct-02-2019
Ondine	Jan-17-2019	April-11-2019	July-25-2019	Oct-02-2019
Parkway Manor	Jan-17-2019	April-11-2019	July-25-2019	Oct-02-2019
Stephen Epler	Jan-17-2019	April-11-2019	July-25-2019	Oct-02-2019
St. Helens	n/a	n/a	n/a	Oct-02-2019
*University Pointe	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

RESIDENTIAL HALL FIRE POLICIES & PROCEDURE

University Housing & Residence Life (UHRL) conducts fire, safety, and sanitation inspections of each unit at least annually and more frequently as determined necessary by the University.

The University prohibits; use and storage of briquettes, butane, gasoline or gas burning stoves or barbecues within the Unit. Combustibles must not be placed within six inches of wall heaters. Portable heaters are prohibited except when issued by UHRL. Explosives, internal combustion engines, weapons, firearms, destructive devices, halogen lamps, individual air conditioners, and waterbeds are not permitted in the Unit. Cooking appliances with an exposed element or open flame are not permitted in Units, except those provided by the University. The University reserves the right to approve, or limit any electrical, or other device for safety reasons. Portland State University reserves the right to remove any items not in conformity with its policies. Smoking is not allowed in any University Building.

More information about Residence Hall Fire Safety and Evacuation can be found in the [2020-2021 Housing Handbook](#) and on the [Housing Contract Terms and Conditions](#), available at the Housing & Residence Life website: <http://www.pdx.edu/housing/>.

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

On May 24, 2018 the Assistant Director of Environmental Health and Safety provided brief presentations and training to the College of Education (CoE). The CoE requested this training as new occupants to a building on campus. The goal of this training was to familiarize the CoE team with the evacuation procedures and evacuation assembly location of their new building.

During the month of September 2018, the Directors of Emergency Management and Environmental Health and Safety held three (3) training opportunities open to all PSU faculty and staff. This training addressed: common fire hazards in office spaces, evacuation procedures, general environmental health and safety topics, emergency preparedness, and the PSU Alert system. The training's main objective was to raise office awareness to take the appropriate response actions based on the emergency.

On October 25, 2018 an additional training like the ones held in September 2018 was conducted specifically for the School of Social Work. During this training their specific questions related to fire safety and evacuation were able to be answered.

Quarterly Fire Drills provide a response procedure run-through for students and staff. Director of University Housing and Residence Life, Campus Public Safety and others plan this event. If you would like to request Fire Prevention & Education training for your group or department, please contact [the Fire Prevention](#) Team on campus.

REPORTING A FIRE

Persons discovering or knowledge of a fire should report the incident to Campus Public Safety or Portland Police/Portland Fire & Rescue:

The Campus Public Safety may be contacted as follows:

- Emergency number: (503) 725-5911 (Blue light phones located around campus and at the entrances to many residence halls and parking lots also contact this number.)
- Non-emergency number: (503) 725-4407
- In person at the Campus Public Safety office at 633 SW Montgomery Street.

The Portland Police and/or Portland Fire & Rescue may be contacted as follows:

- Emergency number: 911
- Police non-emergency number: 503-823-3333
- Portland Fire & Rescue non-emergency number: 503-823-3700

FIRE ACTIVITY LOG

The Campus Public Safety Office maintains a listing of all fires and fire alarm calls that occur on campus and in the residence halls. These reports include the nature, date, time and general location of each fire. This log is part of the Daily Crime/Activity Log. The log may be viewed during business hours at Campus Public Safety at 633 SW Montgomery Street. You may also contact The Clery & Records Coordinator at clery@pdx.edu for an emailed copy.

ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY FIRE SAFETY SYSTEM

The fire system chart (see next page) lists the fire safety systems for each on-campus student housing facility.

Partial Sprinkler Systems have sprinklers in the common areas only. Full Sprinkler Systems have sprinklers in both common areas and individual rooms. Smoke Control is a system that manages smoke from a fire to help in the

evacuation process. Corridors have equipment to prevent fire spread. Elevators respond to smoke detection around the elevator.

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HOUSING FIRE SYSTEMS CHART

	<i>Fire Alarm Monitoring</i>	<i>Fire Alarm has Voice Evacuation w/ PA</i>	<i>Egress Coverage</i>	<i>Fire doors & Rated Corridors</i>	<i>Back-up Generator:Emerg. Egress Ser. & Fire Systems</i>	<i>Partial Sprinkler System</i>	<i>Full Sprinkler System</i>	<i>Back-up Water Tank</i>	<i>Fire Pump</i>
Blackstone	x		x			x			
Blumel	x	x	x		x		x		
Broadway	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
King Albert	x		x			x			
Montgomery	x		x	x		x			
Ondine	x		x		x		x		x
Parkway	x		x			x			
Stephen Epler	x		x	x	x		x		x
St. Helens	x		x			x			
University Pointe	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

HOUSING FIRE SYSTEMS (Continued)

	<i>Smoke Control</i>	<i>Smoke Detectors w/ local battery</i>	<i>Smoke Detectors supervised: fire alarm & battery back-up</i>	<i>Fire Hose Pipes w/ Hose Cabinets</i>	<i>Fire Escape Ladders</i>	<i>Evacuation Plans</i>	<i>Elevators w/ Fire Recall</i>	<i>Fire Phone Service or Floor Rescue Comm. System</i>	<i>Number of Evacuation drills</i>
<i>Blackstone</i>		X		X	X	X			4
<i>Blumel</i>		X	X	X		X	X		4
<i>Broadway</i>	X		X	X		X	X	X	4
<i>King Albert</i>		X		X	X	X			4
<i>Montgomery</i>		X		X	X	X			4
<i>Ondine</i>		X		X		X	X	X	4
<i>Parkway</i>		X		X	X	X			4
<i>Stephen Epler</i>		X		X		X	X	X	4
<i>St. Helens University Pointe</i>		X		X	X	X			1
	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Need to find an **evacuation warden** or become one? Learn about [evacuation wardens](#) at PSU.

Do you know where to go if your building has a **fire alarm sounding off**? Find your [Assembly Location](#) here.

To learn more about **Fire Prevention**, go to the [webpage](#).

What to do *in case of fire* or to report a fire, click [here](#)

For **PSU reported statistics** of Fires, Arsons, and Fire related events, check [reports](#).

To learn more about **accessibility** for on-campus building, check [building features](#).