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Campus-Wide Fire Safety Practices

Fires result in serious injuries, deaths and property loss; all members of the University community must take precautions at all times to prevent a tragedy due to fire and smoke.

In the event of smoke or fire, calmly exit the building using the nearest exit. If the building's alarm system is not sounding, pull the fire alarm when exiting the building. All University buildings have posted exit diagrams and all building occupants should know the exit routes and be familiar with University fire evacuation procedures set forth in the Dakota Wesleyan University Student Handbook and Policy Manual: Page - 46 Emergency Response Plan. Failure to exit the building at the sound of a fire alarm or warning is a violation of University policy, as well as a violation of state law. Also, tampering with or falsely activating a fire alarm is a violation of University policy and state law.

Campus Fire Safety Policies

Smoking is not permitted in any form in the residence halls or University buildings. This includes the use of 'electronic cigarettes.' Also not permitted are any and all devices with an open flame or that produce heat, such as candles, incense, candle/wax warmers, hot plates, space heaters, toasters, toaster ovens, Crock-Pots, electric skillets, rice steamers, woks, deep fryers, or grills. Flammable liquids (e.g. bottles of propane gas, lighter fluid, and dangerous chemicals), and explosives (including fireworks) and/or any other such item that can produce heat are also prohibited. To meet all fire safety codes, students and employees are required to use only electrical cords that are surge protector types and approved power strips instead of conventional extension cords or grounded in-wall adapters in the residence hall rooms. Flammables, combustibles, and/or any toxic materials are not permitted in or around any University building. The University is subject to scheduled and regular inspections by the SD State Fire Marshal's Office. The State Fire Marshal's Office as well as the local fire department also perform unannounced spot checks on campus as part of their job duties. Violations discovered will be subject to fines, the cost of which will be passed on to the individual student or employee.

Fire safety training is provided each year to the resident assistants, resident directors, safety officers, and other members of the Residence Life Office and/or University community. From this training, the RAs and RDs educate all resident students on proper fire evacuation procedures. All fire and smoke alarms along with emergency lighting are checked on a monthly basis. Fire extinguishers are also checked on a regular basis and areas in the kitchen are checked in accordance with National Fire Prevention Association guidelines. Fire drills, both announced and unannounced, are performed during each semester.

In case of fire, individuals should call 911. For any type of alarm, or smoke, please contact Residence Life Office at 605- 770-1593.

It is absolutely essential for the corridor separations and stairwell doors to be closed at all times. Fire doors retard the travel of smoke, heat, toxic gases and fire. Do not place any combustible material on these doors, absolutely no paneling, burlap, draperies, parachute netting, Styrofoam, nor any type of wood can be installed in the exit corridors or stairwells. Building fire equipment such as sprinkler heads, smoke detectors, fire hoses, extinguishers, stand pipes, and alarm boxes must remain in good working condition and must not be obstructed. Unauthorized use or tampering with this equipment will result in disciplinary and/or legal action.