

# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY GALVESTON

## 2017 Annual Fire Safety Report on Student Housing



### Higher Education Campus Fire Safety Standards and Measures

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This Annual Fire Safety Report on Student Housing (Annual Fire Safety Report) and the Texas A&M University at Galveston Annual Security Report are available at the following Texas A&M University Risk and Compliance websites.

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157611/GalvestonAnnualFireReport.pdf>

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157087/GalvestonAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Numerous links to websites are included. Email [vpfa-urc-compliance-officer@exchange.tamu.edu](mailto:vpfa-urc-compliance-officer@exchange.tamu.edu) for assistance if any link does not function.

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# Texas A&M University at Galveston

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## **Telephone Numbers and General Contact Information**

### **Reporting an Emergency**

On campus phones - Police/Fire/Medical 911 or 9-911

Off campus or cellular phones 911

Non-Emergencies/General

University Police Department 409-740-4545

Safety Office 409-741-4029

Web Site: <http://www.tamug.edu/police/>

### **Other Important Telephone Numbers**

Residence Life 409-740-4455

Physical Plant 409-740-4404

Fire Department 911

### **Fire Log Information/Location**

Texas A&M University at Galveston maintains a fire log that is available to the public. It is kept at the Environmental Health & Safety Office, Building 3025, Room 127.

How to access

Request by phone:

Texas A&M University at Galveston Environmental Health & Safety Office  
409-741-4029

Request in writing:

Texas A&M University at Galveston Environmental Health & Safety Office  
Building 3025, Rm. 127  
PO Box 1675  
Galveston, TX 77553

## **A Message from Our Directors**

Welcome to Texas A&M University at Galveston and the on-campus living experience. The Department of Residence Life have an outstanding on-campus housing program and extend to you the opportunity to become an integral part of this community. We are committed to offering Texas A&M University at Galveston students a world-class on-campus student living and learning experience.

This publication is designed to provide information about department services, programs and statistical information as required by law. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning this publication, please contact Environmental Health and Safety 409-741-4029, [Phillipm@tamug.edu](mailto:Phillipm@tamug.edu), or the Department of Residence Life 409-740-4469, [Golemon@tamug.edu](mailto:Golemon@tamug.edu).

Sincerely,

Neil E. Golemo  
Director of Residence Life

Mike Phillips  
Assistant Manager Environmental Health & Safety, Fire  
Marshal

## **Policy for preparing the Annual Fire Safety Report**

Texas A&M University at Galveston Environmental Health and Safety composes the Annual Fire Safety Report with information and input from various sources such as Residence Life and University Risk and Compliance, and maintains a log of fire statistics.

The Annual Fire Safety Report is published every year by October 1st and contains three years of selected fire statistics in accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA). This, the 2017 report, contains the statistics for calendar years 2014-2016.

## **Annual Fire Safety Report and Related Information**

The Annual Fire Safety Report is required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) for any Title IV institution that maintains an on-campus student housing facility. Per HEOA, an institution that maintains an on-campus student housing facility must collect fire statistics, publish an Annual Fire Safety Report, and keep a fire log.

The Clery Act was amended by HEOA in 2008, requiring future reports to include campus housing fire safety statistics. The information contained in this document relates to fire safety for on-campus student residential housing only. A copy may be requested by emailing Texas A&M Galveston Police at [police@tamug.edu](mailto:police@tamug.edu) or by calling 409-740-4545. The Annual Security Report for Texas A&M University at Galveston can be found at the following University Risk and Compliance website: <http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157087/GalvestonAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>.

## **Notifications**

Each year, an e-mail notification is sent to all current students, faculty, and staff providing the web site to access this report. Upon request, prospective students and employees and others may obtain a written paper copy of the report from Environmental Health and Safety located at 200 Sea Wolf

Parkway, Bldg. 3025, Room 127, P.O. Box 1675, Galveston, TX 77553 or by calling 409-741-4029, emailing [Phillipm@tamug.edu](mailto:Phillipm@tamug.edu), or visiting the following University Risk and Compliance website: <http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157611/GalvestonAnnualFireReport.pdf>.

Prospective employees are notified about the Annual Fire Safety Report through an email distributed when applying for a vacant position and via the Texas A&M University Human Resources jobs website at <https://jobpath.tamu.edu> through a link on the right menu bar called safety and security notices. Employees are also notified via a link on the Human Resources webpage titled Required Employee Notices & Important Reminders: <http://employees.tamu.edu/employees/required-notice/>.

Prospective students are notified of the availability of the Annual Fire Safety Report through an email distributed when applying for admission. Prospective students and parents of students can also read about and reference Clery Act information on the Office of Admissions webpage (<http://admissions.tamu.edu/>) via a link titled “Campus Safety” located at the bottom of the webpage.

A fire log is maintained by Environmental Health and Safety, and is accessible to the public on site or through a written request to Environmental Health and Safety, 200 Sea Wolf Parkway, Bldg. 3025, Room 127, Galveston, TX 77553. A request can be made by phone at 409-741-4029.

## **Reporting Fires**

Per federal law, Texas A&M University is required to annually disclose statistical data on all fires that occur in on-campus housing facilities. In the event of an emergency, please call 911. Below are the non-emergency phone numbers students and employees should call to report fires that have already been extinguished in on-campus student housing. These phone numbers are for fires which you are unsure whether the Texas A&M Galveston University Police may already be aware. If you find evidence of such a fire or if you hear about such a fire, please contact one of the following. For purposes of including fire statistics in the annual fire safety report, employees and students should report all instances that a fire occurred in on-campus student housing to the individuals listed below.

Mike Phillips  
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[Phillipm@tamug.edu](mailto:Phillipm@tamug.edu)  
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409-740-4548

When calling, please provide as much information as possible about the location, date, time, and cause of the fire.

## **Fire Safety Education and Training Programs**

Basic fire safety instruction is provided to all students by multiple means. Each dorm room is provided with an instructional sign located on the back side of the door containing instructions on what to do in an emergency. Students also participate in two fire drills each semester to help ensure they understand the evacuation procedures during an emergency. Additionally, Community Leaders (staff) receive specific training during orientation outlining their responsibilities during various emergencies. Hands-on fire extinguisher training is also available on request. In addition, ongoing education and safety awareness is available to all campus personnel on our campus website via the link below.

<http://www.tamug.edu/emergency/noshow/Fire.html>

<http://www.tamug.edu/emergency/index.html>

<http://www.tamug.edu/emergency/Emergency%20Procedures/FireHAZMAT.html>

## **About Texas A&M University at Galveston**

### **Texas A&M University at Galveston Mission Statement**

Texas A&M University at Galveston is a special-purpose institution of higher education for undergraduate and graduate instruction in marine and maritime studies in science, engineering and business and for research and public service related to the general field of marine resources. The institution is under the management and control of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, with degrees offered under the name and authority of Texas A&M University at College Station.

### **Accreditation**

Texas A&M University is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC). As a branch campus, Texas A&M University at Galveston is included in that process. Offshore and Coastal Systems Engineering (OCSE) is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission and Marine Engineering Technology (MARR) is accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission, both of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology

Ocean voyages, sailing in Galveston Bay, beachfront experiments and independent study complement the rigorous classroom experience at our island campus.

The by-the-sea campus environment complements the unique curricular offerings. The atmosphere fostered by the faculty, staff and students emphasizes the intimate relationship between the University and the sea. Texas A&M University at Galveston is recognized nationally for academic excellence. The ocean-oriented academic programs are accredited regionally and professionally.

## **Academics**

Texas A&M University at Galveston offers ocean-oriented, four-year courses with excellence in business, oceanographic and physical sciences, biological sciences, engineering and transportation and liberal arts. Degrees are awarded from Texas A&M University. Computer science and technical writing courses are taught across curricula, regardless of a student's major field. In every course each semester, formally administered questionnaires invite students to appraise the effectiveness of teaching. Several unique courses have been developed in response to the University's marine orientation. For instance, "Literature of the Sea" looks at the sea through the works of great authors. "Introduction to Marine Sciences" introduces students to a number of disciplines through lectures, seminars and industrial contacts. The cruise geography course emphasizes the port areas being visited.

## **Texas A&M Maritime Academy**

The Texas A&M Maritime Academy provides an opportunity for students to learn how to operate and maintain an ocean-going vessel. In addition to classroom and field training during the regular school year, students sail aboard the Texas A&M training ship during three summer cruises to gain practical experience in seamanship, navigation, and operations. Cruises are varied to include Northern Europe, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean and the United States. At the conclusion of the program, Midshipmen are tested to become licensed as officers in the U.S. Merchant Marine and may seek employment in the exciting field of marine transportation as a licensed Third Mate or Third Assistant Engineer.

The Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Program offers men and women an opportunity to qualify for a commission in the Navy while attending Texas A&M University at Galveston. Any student may join the NROTC Program either as a National Scholarship winner or as a non-subsidized college program student.

## **On-Campus Housing Facilities**

Texas A&M University at Galveston operates seven residence hall facilities. Five, (Atlantic, Pacific, Oceans, Hullabaloo and Texas Maritime Halls) are traditional dorm-style facilities and two (Albatross and Polaris Halls) are apartment-style facilities. Polaris and Albatross Halls are privately owned, but operated and maintained by Texas A&M University at Galveston. Mariner Hall was demolished in May 2016.

Below is a summary of fire protection features provided at each of our on-campus residential facilities.

## **About the Department of Residence Life**

The Department of Residence Life provides welcoming, educational, and sustainable community living which encourages the following:

- Education: to ensure that teaching and learning take place beyond the classroom.
- Openness: so that ideas and thoughts can be discussed freely.
- Respect: to ensure that individuality is honored so diversity can be pursued.
- Responsibility: so that the individual accepts obligations to the community and is held accountable for individual actions.
- Caring: to ensure that the individual's well-being is supported and that community service is encouraged.
- Involvement: so that all individuals have a voice in decisions concerning their community.

- Ownership: to ensure that all individuals care for their building facilities and adjacent property.
- Celebration: so that Texas A&M at Galveston's history and culture are promoted and that residence hall and university traditions are shared.

The Texas A&M University at Galveston residential community consists of more than 1200 residents from throughout Texas, the United States, and even overseas. The residence halls are a dynamic and diverse community that provide a healthy living and learning community and encourage both scholastic and personal development.

Residence Life manages the day-to-day operations of the residence halls and serves to facilitate services for campus residents, such as maintenance work orders, extermination, and check-in/check-out services.

### **Residence Hall Fire Safety Policies**

The following are excerpts from the University Residence Hall Rules (<http://www.tamug.edu/reslife/CurrentResidents/ResidentHallRules.html>) except where noted as a Fire and Life Safety Program requirement.

#### Appliances and Equipment Including Portable Electrical Appliances

33.14 All kitchen appliances with the exception of coffee pots, hot pots, popcorn poppers, microwaves, and blenders are prohibited in the residence halls.

33.15 Refrigerators are permitted in designated rooms only when such refrigerators meet the following university specifications:

33.15.1 The refrigerator is "Underwriters Laboratory" approved and has a running current requirement not to exceed 1.6 amps.

35.15.2 The electrical cord plugs directly into the power receptacle.

33.15.3 During extended holidays, between semesters, and in the case of a campus evacuation, the refrigerator is emptied, cleaned and unplugged.

33.15.4 The refrigerator is removed from the room prior to applying for room clearance. \*\*

\*\* Albatross and Polaris Halls have a university-supplied refrigerator that should not be removed.

#### Arson/Campfires (Fire and Life Safety Program)

5.1 If arson is suspected, no matter how small the incident, contact the University Police Department and Occupational Safety and Health Inspector III. Do not alter the fire scene in any way, unless you are trying to extinguish a live fire. The UPD will investigate any possible arson.

24.1 Texas A&M University at Galveston must comply with all Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) guidelines for any open burns. In order to be able to conduct such a burn, several criteria must be met prior to EHS issuing an authorization to burn. These general guidelines include:

24.1.1 Only natural occurring materials may be burned

24.1.2 Only materials from on the site may be burned (no materials may be brought in from other locations)

24.1.3 A responsible person must be present during the entire burn and be equipped with adequate firefighting agents, and be able to quickly communicate with emergency response personnel.

24.2 For additional information or to request an authorization to burn please refer to the EHS website at <http://www.tamug.edu/EnvironmentalHealthSafety/> or the Texas A&M University at Galveston Standard Administrative Procedure 24.01.04.M7.03: Safe Use of Outdoor Fires.



### Candles/Incense/Wax Warmers/Open Flames

33.19 Open flames inside residence hall rooms, on balconies, or on passageways outside of residence halls are prohibited. This includes but is not limited to burning candles, incense, hibachis, and barbecue grills.

### Cooking

33.14 Cooking in the residence facilities is prohibited.\*

\*Albatross and Polaris Halls have built-in kitchenettes with a two-burner range and microwave oven. Cooking is permitted.

### Decorations (Fire and Life Safety Program)

10.1.1 Never hang anything from fire sprinkler piping or heads.

10.1.2 Never obstruct fire alarm devices

10.1.3 Any combustible decorations such as curtains or drapes must be of a fire resistant material

10.1.4 Never obstruct an exit or the visibility thereof

10.1.5 Never staple or tack light strings

10.1.6 Decorations should not be placed in exit corridors or stairways

10.2 Holiday Decorations

10.2.1 Holiday decorations are often fire hazards if not utilized properly. Follow these guidelines to improve fire safety during the holidays:

10.2.1.1 Do not use live cut Christmas trees in University buildings. Use an artificial tree that is fire resistant.

10.2.1.2 Do not place holiday decorations where they may block emergency egress (e.g., stairways, corridors, near doors, etc.)

10.2.1.3 Only use decorations that are fire retardant.

10.2.1.4 Practice good housekeeping by minimizing paper and other combustible decorations. 10.2.1.5 Avoid using extension cords. If you must use an extension cord, use a heavy gauge cord and place it in plain view. Make sure the cord does not pose a tripping hazard and it can only be used in business hours 8-5.

10.2.1.6 Use FM or UL labeled electrical decorations.

10.2.1.7 Do not light candles or use other decorations with open flames

10.2.1.8 Turn off lights when the room is unoccupied.

### Electrical Power Strips and Extension Cords (Fire and Life Safety Program)

11.1.1 Many times it is necessary to use extension cords or power strips (surge protectors) to reach a work area or to provide additional outlets. It is important not to overload outlets, protect cords, and follow the manufacturer's recommendation. Additionally, the following guidelines should be used while utilizing these items:

11.1.2 Extension cords are for temporary use (defined as an 8-hour work day or less)

11.1.3 Unplug and properly store cords when not in use

11.1.4 Install permanent code compliant wiring for long term use

11.1.5 Extension cords or power strips must be plugged directly into a wall receptacle – no daisy chaining is permitted

11.1.6 Extension cords should be used for portable equipment

11.1.7 Extension cords and power strips should be examined regularly for damage and removed from service if damage is found

11.1.8 Extension cords and power strips should be UL listed

11.1.9 Extension cords shall not be run above ceiling or under carpet or other similar materials.

11.1.10 Electrical Panel Access

11.1.11 A working space of not less than 30” wide (or width of equipment), 36” deep and 78” high shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment. No storage shall be permitted within this designated work space.

#### Emergency/Safety Equipment

33.23 Fire exit doors and doors separating exit stairways from corridors may not be propped open at any time.

#### Fireworks/Explosives/Hazards

33.20 Combustible materials in corridors must be limited to student message boards and university installed community bulletin boards.

33.21 Balconies and hallways are to remain clear of furnishings and other material to maintain clear exit paths in case of fire. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, hammocks, barbecue grills, hibachis, furniture, bicycles and plants.

33.22 Charcoal and charcoal lighter fluid may not be stored in residence hall rooms or on balconies.

#### Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in any campus building.

#### General

33.16 No student is permitted on the roofs of the residence halls.

33.17 Cadet Officers or resident advisors in each residence facility are responsible for the maintenance of order, the preservation of property and the cleanliness of the hall and/or area assigned to their organization.

33.18 A student’s room may be entered by a staff member to provide cleaning and/or maintenance, to conduct an inventory of university property, to conduct a health and safety check, to assure compliance with applicable housing codes, when an emergency exists or is believed to exist, or when the staff member has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of civil or criminal laws, University Student Rules, or housing rules has occurred or is occurring. Additional inspection of cadet corps rooms may be made by authorized cadets and cadre in accordance with Corps of Cadet Rules. In the event of sudden illness, death, or some other reason for which a student might be absent for a prolonged or indefinite period, university officials are authorized to collect and store for safekeeping and proper disposal the affected student’s personal belongings and property which are on university premises.

### **Residence Hall Inspection Program**

#### Monthly Inspections

A fire and life safety inspection is conducted in each residence hall by Environmental Health and Safety staff when the facility is being occupied and when we are conducting our monthly Fire Extinguisher checks. These inspections focus on public areas within each hall, including corridors, stairways, and exit paths.

### Pre-Occupancy Inspections

Prior to occupancy of residence halls each fall, spring and summer semester, a more in-depth inspection is conducted. These inspections include all common areas, mechanical, electrical, and custodial areas within each building as well as exit paths outside of the facilities.

### Annual Inspections

Once per year, inspections are conducted by our fire safety systems contractor, Simplex-Grinnell, to assure all fire safety systems and system devices are working as designed.

### Fall Room Inspections

The Department of Residence Life, conducts fire and life safety inspections of all campus residence halls during the Fall Semester. The intent of these inspections is to increase the level of safety and safety awareness for all occupants of the residence halls. These inspections include residence hall rooms and staff offices as well as mechanical and common areas. Inspections begin around the third week of the semester and will continue until all residence halls have been inspected. Inspections will be conducted in the presence of a residence hall staff member. Advance notification of all inspections will be provided to hall staff. Safety practices in general and the Fire Life safety rules found in the rules section will be the primary focus of the inspection. These inspections will look for such items as:

- Electrical: Use of extension cords, cover plate missing/damaged, electrical wiring frayed/damaged/crimped, multi adapter without breaker in use, prohibited/ unapproved appliances
- Fire Alarm Equipment: smoke detector obstructed (min. 24” clearance), smoke detector damaged
- Lofts: being less than 30” from the ceiling, being of poor construction and/or being placed in an unsafe/unapproved location
- Ignition Sources/Combustible Products: candles/incense being present in the room, flammable liquids in the room, combustible materials near electrical source, and excessive fire load in the room
- Emergency Planning: absence of the evacuation plan on the back of the room door, window/door obstructed
- Miscellaneous: poor housekeeping, floor/wall/ceiling penetrations, and the door closure missing/damaged

### Fire Safety Systems Inspection

Texas A&M University at Galveston conducts several levels of fire and life safety inspections in all of our residence hall and apartment facilities including conducts inspections, testing, and maintenance of fire safety equipment in compliance with the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association. This includes emergency lighting and regular fire extinguisher inspections and maintenance.

## **Residence Hall Evacuation Procedures**

### If You Hear a Fire Alarm

1. Immediately evacuate the building via the shortest and safest route. Do not use elevators.
2. If you notice smoke, use an alternative escape route.
3. Test doors with the back of your hand before opening them. If the door is warm or if you notice smoke, use an alternate escape route. Check paths for safety before proceeding and close doors behind you.

4. Crawl low (the bottom 2 or 3 inches of the area) if you have to go through smoke.
5. Go to the emergency assembly area outside of the building.
6. If you suspect that someone is missing or trapped, alert the Group Leader / Resident Advisor at the emergency assembly area outside of the building.
7. If you are trapped during a fire emergency, close all doors between you and the fire. Stuff cracks around the doors with wet towels / cloth to keep out smoke. Wait at a safe window and signal for help. If there is a phone in the room, call 9-1-1 and tell them exactly where you are.
8. Stop, Drop and Roll if your clothing catches fire.
9. Stay at the emergency assembly area until you are released by the Group Leader / Resident Advisor.

#### If You Discover a Fire

1. Leave the fire area and close the door to the area.
2. Sound the fire alarm.
3. Immediately evacuate the building via the shortest and safest route.
4. Do not use elevators. A fire can disrupt the operation of elevators and trap occupants inside.
5. If you notice smoke, use an alternate escape route.
6. Test doors with the back of your hand before opening them. If the door is warm or if you notice smoke, use an alternative escape route. Check paths for safety before proceeding and close doors behind you.
7. Crawl low (the bottom 2 or 3 inches of the area) if you have to go through smoke.
8. Go to the emergency assembly area outside of the building.
9. From the nearest phone in the emergency assembly area outside of the building, call 911.
10. Await emergency response personnel at the emergency assembly area outside of the building.
11. If you suspect that someone is missing or trapped, alert the Group Leader / Resident Advisor at the emergency assembly area outside of the building.
12. If you are trapped during a fire emergency, close all doors between you and the fire and stuff cracks around the doors with wet towels / cloth to keep out smoke. Wait at a safe window and signal / call for help. If there is a phone in the room, call 9-1-1 and tell them exactly where you are.
13. Stop, Drop and Roll if your clothing catches fire.
14. Stay at the emergency assembly area outside of the building until you are released by the Group Leader / Resident Advisor.

#### Once You Have Evacuated

1. From the nearest phone in the emergency assembly area outside the building, call 9-1-1.
2. Report the fire to the Group Leader / Resident Advisor at the emergency assembly area.
3. If you suspect that someone is missing or trapped, alert the Group Leader / Resident Advisor at the emergency assembly area outside of the building.
4. Await emergency response personnel at the emergency assembly area outside of the building.
5. Never re-enter the building to save your personal belongings.
6. Stay at the emergency assembly area outside of the building until you are released by the Group Leader / Resident Advisor.
7. Do not re-enter the building until instructed to do so by the Group Leader / Resident Advisor at the emergency assembly area outside of the building.
8. Follow directions of fire and police personnel and the housing staff.

9. Stay calm

### **Residence Hall Evacuation Drills (Fire Drills)**

Emergency evacuation drills are conducted once during each semester. Residence life staff uses the drills to both educate and remind the residents of the proper evacuation procedure and to survey the facility for any non-functional devices.

During calendar year 2016 two drills were conducted for each residence life facility. The Safety Coordinator prepares a report and copies are sent to the Assistant Director of Residence Life.

### **Description of Residence Hall Fire Safety Systems**

#### Atlantic and Pacific Halls

Both facilities are protected by an automatic fire detection system that reports directly to the Galveston Fire Department as well as the Safety Coordinator and Campus Police via the main fire panel. The fire protection system is comprised of smoke and heat detectors, audible and visual alarm devices and hallway manual pull stations, all of which report to the main fire panel. All devices are point-addressable and the buildings are fully sprinkled. Fire extinguishers are mounted throughout the buildings and emergency lighting is installed in each facility.

#### Oceans and Hullabaloo Halls

Each facility is protected by an automatic fire detection system that reports directly to the Galveston Fire Department as well as the Safety Coordinator and Campus Police via the main fire panel. The fire protection system is comprised of smoke and heat detectors, audible and visual alarm devices and hallway manual pull stations, all of which report to the main fire panel. Fire extinguishers are also mounted throughout the building. Emergency lighting is installed in each facility.

#### Texas Maritime Hall

The facility is protected by an automatic fire detection system that reports directly to the Galveston Fire Department as well as the Safety Coordinator and Campus Police via Siemens Monitoring. The fire protection system is comprised of smoke and heat detectors, audible and visual alarm devices and hallway manual pull stations, all of which report to the main fire panel. The building is also fully sprinkled. Fire extinguishers are also mounted throughout the building. Emergency lighting is installed in each facility.

#### Polaris and Albatross Halls

Both facilities are protected by an automatic fire detection system that reports directly to the Galveston Fire Department. The fire protection system is comprised of smoke detectors, audible and visual alarm devices, hallway manual pull stations and sprinklers in each room and hallway. Fire extinguishers are also mounted throughout the buildings. Emergency lighting is installed in both facilities.

### **Fire Safety Definitions (Department of Education)**

On-campus student Housing Facility: Any student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the institution, or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution, and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus is considered an on-campus student housing facility.

Cause of fire: The factor or factors that give rise to a fire. The causal factor may be, but is not limited to, the result of an intentional or unintentional action, mechanical failure, or act of nature.

Fire: Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.

Fire drill: A supervised practice of a mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire.

Fire-related injury: Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause, while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of the fire. The term “person” may include students, employees, visitors, firefighters, or any other individuals.

Fire-related death: Any instance in which a person

- (1) Is killed as a result of a fire, including death resulting from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire; or
- (2) Dies within one year of injuries sustained as a result of the fire.

Fire safety system: Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire, or the control of a fire. This may include sprinkler systems or other fire extinguishing systems, fire detection devices, stand-alone smoke alarms, devices that alert one to the presence of a fire, such as horns, bells, or strobe lights; smoke-control and reduction mechanisms; and fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of a fire.

Value of property damage: The estimated value of the loss of the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity. This estimate should include contents damaged by fire, and related damages caused by smoke, water, and overhaul; however, it does not include indirect loss, such as business interruption.

## **On-Campus Housing Facility Fire Statistics**

Calendar years 2014 and 2015 on-campus student housing facilities and fire statistics included in this report were determined in accordance with the Clery federal register (34 C.F.R.668.46) as of October 20, 2014, and guidance in the Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting (Handbook) published by the U.S. Department of Education in February 2011 which was effective when the fires occurred and statistics were collected. Subsequently, the Handbook was updated in June 2016 and is being used for reporting Clery fire statistics for calendar year 2016 and future years.

## 2014 On-Campus Housing Facility Fire Statistics

Facility Name	Building Address	Total Fires in Each Facility	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire
Hullabaloo Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3005A	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oceans Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3005B	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mariner Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3005C	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Polaris Hall	1014D, Texas Clipper Road	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Albatross Hall	1014E, Texas Clipper Road	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pacific Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3031	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Atlantic Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3032	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

## 2015 On-Campus Housing Facility Fire Statistics

Facility Name	Building Address	Total Fires in Each Facility	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire
Hullabaloo Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3005A	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oceans Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3005B	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mariner Hall*	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3005C	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Polaris Hall	1014D, Texas Clipper Road	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Albatross Hall	1014E, Texas Clipper Road	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pacific Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3031	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Atlantic Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3032	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Texas Maritime Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3033	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

\*Mariner Hall was demolished in May 2016.

## 2016 On-Campus Housing Facility Fire Statistics

Facility Name	Building Address	Total Fires in Each Facility	Fire Number	Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire
Hullabaloo Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3005A	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oceans Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3005B	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mariner Hall*	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3005C	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Polaris Hall	1014D, Texas Clipper Road	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Albatross Hall	1014E, Texas Clipper Road	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pacific Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3031	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Atlantic Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3032	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Texas Maritime Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3033	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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## **On-Campus Housing Initiatives**

### **Residence Halls**

The Fire Alarm System in Oceans and Hullabaloo Halls are being upgraded to a fully addressable system along with sounder bases in each room to bring the system up to the most current code. Estimated completion is August 2017. Also, 24 hour off-site monitoring of all fire alarm devices is being arranged to improve campus safety.

## **Other Annual Fire Safety Reports and Annual Security Reports**

Annual Security Reports and Annual Fire Safety Reports for other Texas A&M University locations are as follows and are available at the following Texas A&M University Risk and Compliance website: <http://urc.tamu.edu/clery-act/clery-annual-reports/>.

### Other Texas A&M University Annual Fire Safety Reports

Texas A&M University College Station

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157614/CSAnnualFireReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Kingsville

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1197453/KingsvilleAnnualFireReport.pdf>

### Other Texas A&M University Annual Security Reports

Texas A&M University College Station

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157075/CSAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University O.D. Butler, Jr. Animal Science Complex and University Farm

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1492363/UnivFarmAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University RELIS Campus

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1492354/RELLISAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University at Galveston

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157087/GalvestonAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University at Qatar

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157081/QatarAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Mays Business School at CityCentre

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157078/MaysAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University School of Law

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157084/LawAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Bryan

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157090/HSCBryanAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Dallas

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157093/HSCDallasAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Houston

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157096/HSCHoustonAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Kingsville

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157099/HCKingsvilleAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center McAllen

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157102/HSCMcAllenAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Round Rock

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157069/HSCRRAAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Temple

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1157072/HSCTempleAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen

<http://urc.tamu.edu/media/1492360/HECMcAllenAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

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