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2008 Fire Log						
Date	Time	Location	Nature of Fire	Injuries	Deaths	Cost
3/16/2008	14:55	Peabody 303	Unknown	0	0	\$1,400

2009 Fire Log						
Date	Time	Location	Nature of Fire	Injuries	Deaths	Cost
1/21/2009	14:45	McCoy Hall 201	cell phone charger	0	0	\$35,162
1/21/2009	19:30	Homewood Apts	trash dumpster	0	0	\$3,882

Specifications for On-Campus Housing Facility Fire Systems:				
Residence Hall/ Apartment	Fire Safety Control System	Location of Sprinklers	Alarm Types	
AMR 1-2 Bldgs A-B Bradford Homewood McCoy Rogers Wolman CVP Blackstone Charles Apts Reed Hall Peabody	3400 N. Charles St. 3400 N. Charles St. 3301 St.Paul 3003 N. Charles St. 3401 N. Charles St. 3506 Greenway 3339 N. Charles St. 3301 N. Charles St 3215 N. Charles St. 3333 N. Charles St. 1620 McElderry St 606 St Paul St	Simplex-Grinnell; Reports to JHU Security and the Baltimore City Fire Department	Wolman, McCoy, Bradford, Charles Commons and Homewood. Bedrooms, bathrooms, common areas, hallways, lounges, stairwells, and office area	Heat and smoke activated, pull stations, and audio/visual
Special Note: a fire extinguisher is supplied in each unit with kitchen.				

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I. Fire Safety

Fire drills are conducted in every building twice a year by University staff and the Baltimore City Fire Department. Additional drills may occur as required.

Smoke detectors have been installed in each student room for protection in case of fire. In addition to detectors Wolman, McCoy, Bradford, Charles Commons and Homewood have sprinkler systems. It is unlawful to tamper with this equipment or any other fire safety equipment.

Flammable liquids such as propane and lighter fluids are prohibited. Candles, including decorative candles, incense, hookahs, space heaters, halogen lamps of ANY type (desk, floor, or otherwise) and lamps with plastic covers are not permitted in University housing.

Cooking appliances are allowed in residence halls. All appliances must have an automatic shut off and may not contain an external heating element. All appliances must be UL approved. Refrigerators and freezers leased or brought from home may not exceed 4 cubic feet or 1.5 amps. Microwaves must not exceed 1100 watts.

II. Evacuation procedures for fire and number of mandatory fire drills

The JHU Housing Handbook states that students should follow these procedures:

If You See or Smell Fire:

1) Remember the acronym RACE:

- R – Remove yourself from contact with smoke or fire.
- A – Alarm – Pull the nearest fire alarm.
- C – Call Security at 6-7777.
- E – Evacuate the building.

2) Do NOT use elevators.

Evacuation Procedures

Residents are required by law and University policy to evacuate their residences immediately when the fire alarm sounds. The evacuation procedures follow, but are also posted in each building and are reviewed with freshman residents at the beginning of each semester by RAs.

1. If you hear the fire alarm sound, you must prepare to evacuate. Students found in the building during an evacuation will be subject to disciplinary action.

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2. Feel your room door. If it is hot, stay in your room and signal for help from your window. Put a towel under your door.
3. If there are no flames or heavy smoke, close your room door behind you and walk quickly to the nearest exit.
4. If you find the nearest exit blocked, AMR residents should remember that there are fire stairs in the rear of the Clark and Hollander and the front of Royce and Wood. Wolman, McCoy, Charles Commons, Bradford and Homewood apartment residents MUST use the stairs only.
5. Remain a safe distance from the building until you are told by Housing or Residential Life staff members that you may go back inside.

It is essential for each student to know what to do if and when an evacuation of complex is necessary; a minimum of one fire evacuation drill is conducted each semester and is mandatory for students.

III. The Institution's policies on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames

In the Student Residential Handbook, students are informed that guidelines have been established in the interest of individuals' safety and the preservation of University housing property. Within this, students are informed that that the following items are not permitted within the facility:

- halogen lamps of any type
- flammable liquids
- space heaters
- hookahs
- multiple-outlets without self-contained circuit breaker

Also, the following guidelines have been established regarding decorating personal space:

- no items that could create a fire hazard
- hanging of sheets, blankets or any object obstructing emergency evacuation
- hanging posters or other decorations that cover large portions of wall or other surfaces that could present a fire hazard
- candles, incense or any other flame/heat producing items
- anything hung from the sprinkler heads

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Smoking is prohibited in University housing. Specifically, smoking will be prohibited inside University housing buildings, including but not limited to, student rooms, suites, lounges, bathrooms, common areas, stairwells, lobbies and elevators.

Residents who smoke must do so outside of the building and must be far enough away from the building that smoke will not filter into the building via exterior doors, windows or the building ventilation systems. Full cooperation with this policy is expected. Any violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.

IV. Fire safety education and training

Resident Assistants are trained and given specific information on the following types:

- who to contact in emergency
- how to assess an emergency situation
- how to respond using general response steps
- how to respond to fire emergencies

In addition, Resident Assistants receive a Residential Life RA Handbook that contains information for future reference. This training is put into practice by Resident Assistants when drills are conducted along with follow-up discussion for purpose of improvement.

V. Any plans for improving fire safety

Plans for future improvement include installing fire suppression systems in non-sprinkled resident halls.

VI. Resources

Resident Guidebook

http://www.jhu.edu/hds/parents/JHU_Handbook_2008_v2.pdf

Residential Community Standards & Judicial Policies

http://www.jhu.edu/hds/oncampus/PDF/Community_Standards_20092010.pdf

Smoking Policy

http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/hse/Policies/HSE_Policies/indiv_sections/hse002.pdf

Health, Safety & Environment Policies

<http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/hse/policies/index.html>

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<http://www.jhu.edu/security/statistics.html>