

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY GALVESTON

2024 Annual Fire Safety Report on Student Housing



Higher Education Campus Fire Safety Standards and Measures
Information for 2024-2025 Academic Year
Contains Fire Statistics for Calendar Years 2023, 2022, and 2021

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 Division of Risk, Ethics, and Compliance websites.

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/GalvestonAnnualFireReport.pdf>

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/GalvestonAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Email mas-clery@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 Contacts

Reporting an Emergency

On campus phones - Police/Fire/Medical 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

Campus Living & Learning (CL&L) 409-740-4445

Facilities Services 409-740-4547

Fire Department 911

Fire Log Information/Location

Texas A&M University at Galveston maintains a fire log that is available to the public and kept at the Environmental Health & Safety Office, Building 3026, Room 910.

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 3026, Rm. 910
PO Box 1675
Galveston, TX 77553

A Message from Our Leadership

Welcome to Texas A&M University at Galveston and the on-campus living experience. CL&L has 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, or CL&L 409-740-4469, Golemon@tamug.edu.

Sincerely,

Neil E. Golemo
Director of CL&L

Mike Phillips
Assistant Director 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 CL&L and the Texas A&M University Division of Risk, Ethics, and Compliance Office (DREC), 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 2024 report, contains the statistics for calendar years 2021 - 2023.

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.

The Annual Security Report for Texas A&M University at Galveston can be found at the following DREC website: <https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/GalvestonAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>. A copy may be requested by emailing Texas A&M Galveston Police at police@tamug.edu or by calling 409-740-4545.

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 Seawolf

Parkway, Bldg. 3026, Room 910, P.O. Box 1675, Galveston, TX 77553, by calling 409-741-4029, by emailing phillipm@tamug.edu, or visiting the following DREC website: <https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/GalvestonAnnualFireReport.pdf>.

Prospective employees are notified about the Annual Fire Safety Report through an email distributed when applying for a position. Website access to the Annual Fire Safety Report is provided by the Division of Human Resources and Organizational Effectiveness through a link called “A safe and welcoming environment” located on the Prospective Employees webpage <https://employees.tamu.edu/talent-management/careers/index.html>. The Required Employee Notices & Important Reminders webpage (<https://employees.tamu.edu/employees/required-notices.html>) also links to the Annual Fire Safety Report under the “Safety and Security Notices” heading.

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 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3026, Room 910, 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 a fire emergency, call 911. Occupants and others should also activate a fire alarm pull station, located throughout each building near each exit, to begin immediate evacuation of the building and notify emergency authorities of the fire.

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.

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University Police Department
police@tamug.edu
409-740-4545

When calling, 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 residence hall 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 year 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>

About Texas A&M University at Galveston

Driving The Blue Economy

Texas A&M University at Galveston is leading the development of the blue economy in the Gulf of Mexico through education, innovation, discovery, scholarship and service.

We focus on the economic, social, political and ecological vitality of our oceans and surrounding ecosystems to improve our understanding, stewardship and sustainability of our coasts and ocean resources. We engage in scholarship and research that helps protect our coastal communities and conserve our marine life and oceans. We are discovering smart shipping and safe port solutions, and contributing to an inclusive ecosystem with improved livelihoods and future jobs.

As Texas's premier marine and maritime public institution of higher education, we serve the state and nation by providing excellence in education and training for the next generation of marine and maritime professionals.

One University

We are the island campus of Texas A&M University, located 148 miles southeast of College Station in Galveston, TX where that fabled Aggie Spirit is as tangible as the sea breeze. Our students are Aggies by the Sea who receive a diploma from Texas A&M and their Aggie ring from the Association of Former Students. With our marine and maritime specialization, the Galveston Campus is critical to our land-, sea-, space-grant mission.

We have a rich history that began with creating the Texas A&M Maritime Academy in 1962 and remains the only maritime academy in the Gulf Coast region. We have since grown to become the specialized marine and maritime branch campus of Texas A&M, offering nearly 20 degree programs that prepare our graduates to drive the blue economy around the world.

The Texas A&M Maritime Academy, one of six state maritime academies in the nation, trains cadets for maritime service and employment worldwide. Cadets earn their professional U.S. Coast Guard license to serve on ocean-going and inland vessels that support the blue economy or our national security by commissioning for service in the U.S. Navy.

Academics

Our academic programs prepare our graduates to pursue their field of passion in marine and maritime areas through adaptive and often hands-on degree programs that position them to serve the greater good near and far. Our world-renown faculty challenge our students to think critically, solve problems creatively, work as a team and lead with integrity.

We offer fifteen undergraduate and six graduate degree programs with majors in science, business, engineering, liberal arts and transportation and a variety of complimentary minors such as diving, cybersecurity and ocean and coastal resources.

Texas A&M Maritime Academy graduates are among the most sought-after merchant officers for service in the armed forces, on ocean-going and inland vessels and in land-side maritime industries.

Texas A&M Maritime Academy

The Texas A&M Maritime Academy is a highly specialized maritime education and training program that allows students to earn a Third Mate or Third Assistant Engineer license to serve on ocean-going and inland waterway vessels and a four-year undergraduate degree.

Students choosing to enroll in the maritime academy become members of the Corps of Cadets or Navy ROTC and receive hands-on education and training, including during an international summer sea term that provides practical experience in seamanship, navigation and ship operations onboard a state training ship. The Navy ROTC program offers cadets the opportunity to qualify for a Navy commission.

On-Campus Housing Facilities

Texas A&M University at Galveston operates five on-campus residence hall facilities (Atlantic, Pacific, Oceans, Hullabaloo and Texas A&M Maritime Academy Halls) that are traditional dorm-style facilities. Texas A&M University at Galveston leased two privately owned facilities (Polaris and Albatross Halls) which met on-campus student housing criteria, to be utilized as overflow and temporary COVID-19 quarantine housing for students beginning August 2021. Both facilities became permanent on-campus housing facilities when purchased by Texas A&M University at Galveston in June 2023. This section summarizes fire safety policies and protection features provided at each of the on-campus residential facilities.

About CL&L

CL&L 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 1600 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.

CL&L 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.

CL&L Fire Safety Policies

Fire and life safety at Texas A&M University at Galveston is governed by federal, state, and local standards with procedures documented in the Fire and Life Safety Program found here:

https://www.tamug.edu/environmentalhealthsafety/NO_Menu_Important_Files/Fire-and-Life-Safety-Program.pdf

Except where noted as a Fire and Life Safety Program requirement, the following are excerpts from the University Residence Hall Rules, which can be found in the Texas A&M at Galveston Housing Manual here:

<https://www.tamug.edu/cll/Documents/Residence%20Hall%20Manual%20edited%2010%2030.pdf>.

Appliances and Equipment Including Portable Electrical Appliances*

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

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

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

33.19.2 The electrical cord plugs directly into the power receptacle.

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

33.19.4 The refrigerator is removed from the room prior to applying for room clearance.

* Albatross and Polaris Halls have built-in kitchenettes.

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 the Environmental Health and Safety Assist Director / Fire Marshal. Do not alter the fire scene in any way, unless you are trying to extinguish a live fire. The State Fire Marshal 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 Environmental Health & Safety 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.

For additional information or to request an authorization to burn please refer the Texas A&M University at Galveston Fire and Life Safety Program at:

https://www.tamug.edu/environmentalhealthsafety/NO_Menu_Important_Files/Fire-and-Life-Safety-Program.pdf.

Candles/Incense/Wax Warmers/Open Flames

33.23 Candles (with or without wicks), incense, oil lamps, and other devices which use an open flame (including potpourri pots, hibachis, and barbecue grills) are prohibited in residence halls. Because these items create a significant fire hazard, they are not allowed at any time in the residence halls. Items will be confiscated, and residents will be subject to disciplinary action.

Cooking**

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

**Albatross and Polaris Halls have built-in kitchenettes. 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 workday or less)
 - 11.1.2.1 Unplug and properly store cords when not in use
 - 11.1.2.2 Install permanent code compliant wiring for long term use
 - 11.1.3 Extension cords or power strips must be plugged directly into a wall receptacle – no daisy chaining is permitted
 - 11.1.4 Extension cords should be used for portable equipment
 - 11.1.5 Extension cords and power strips should be examined regularly for damage and removed from service if damage is found
 - 11.1.6 Extension cords and power strips should be UL listed
 - 11.1.7 Extension cords shall not be run above ceiling or under carpet or other similar materials.
- 11.2 Electrical Panel Access, Fire Panel Access, Fire Sprinkler Access
 - 11.2.1 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 and fire equipment. No storage shall be permitted within this designated workspace.

Emergency/Safety Equipment

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

Fireworks/Explosives/Hazards

- 33.24 Combustible materials in corridors must be limited to student message boards and university installed community bulletin boards.
- 33.25 Balconies and hallways are to remain clear of furnishings and other material to maintain clear exit paths in case of fire. The following items are not permitted on balconies:
 - Indoor University furniture
 - Bicycles, scooters, kayaks or surfboards
 - Boxes
 - Garbage bags or containers
 - Grills or grilling accessories, such as charcoal fluid, charcoal, propane, flammable liquids

Other items that could cause harm during a storm or that are not in good condition, also may be asked to be removed by a housing staff member. Items that obstruct view of the balcony are also not permitted. Final decisions rest with CL&L.

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

Smoking

Texas A&M University prohibits smoking and use of all forms of tobacco on university property (property located in the state of Texas that is owned, operated, leased, occupied or under the administrative control of the President of Texas A&M University). For purposes of this policy, university property includes, but is not limited to, all grounds, buildings and structures, sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and all vehicles owned, leased, or rented by Texas A&M University. This policy applies to all forms of smoking and tobacco products including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, Dokha, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and electronic cigarettes (includes vapors, personal vaporizers, tanks, cigars, pipes and other). Residents who are legally able to purchase and use tobacco products must use them off university grounds.

General

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

33.21 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.

33.22 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 alarm contractor, Johnson Controls, and our fire sprinkler contractor, A1 Fire, to assure all fire safety systems and system devices are working as designed.

Fall Room Inspections

CL&L 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 our residence hall and apartment facilities including 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 in Case of a Fire

If You Hear a Fire Alarm

1. Immediately evacuate the building via the shortest and safest route. Do not use elevators. Elevator shafts may fill with smoke or the power may fail, leaving you trapped. Elevators have features that recall and deactivate the elevator during an alarm. Standing and waiting for an elevator wastes valuable time.
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. CL&L 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 2023 two drills were conducted for each student housing facility, except Polaris and Albatross Hall, as described in the table below. The Environmental Health and Safety Manger / Fire Marshal prepares a report and copies are sent to the Director of CL&L.

Building	Semester	Time	Acceptable Y/N	Target
Hullabaloo Hall, Bldg. 3005A	Fall	3:21	Y	4 minutes
Oceans Hall Bldg. 3005B	Fall	3:51	Y	4 minutes
Pacific Hall, Bldg. 3031	Fall	3:16	Y	6 minutes
Atlantic Hall, Bldg. 3032	Fall	3:25	Y	6 minutes
Texas Maritime Hall, Bldg. 3033	Fall	4:45	Y	8 minutes
Polaris Hall, Bldg. 3037	Fall	3:23	Y	4 minutes
Albatross Hall, Bldg. 3038	Fall	3:23	Y	4 minutes
Hullabaloo Hall, Bldg. 3005A	Spring	3:20	Y	4 minutes
Oceans Hall, Bldg. 3005B	Spring	3:11	Y	4 minutes
Pacific Hall, Bldg. 3031	Spring	4:11	Y	6 minutes
Atlantic Hall, Bldg. 3032	Spring	4:10	Y	6 minutes
Texas Maritime Hall, Bldg. 3033	Spring	5:56	Y	8 minutes

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 Environmental Health and Safety Assistant Director / Fire Marshal and Campus Police via the Simplex True Site and Dialers. 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 Environmental Health and Safety Assistant Director / Fire Marshal

and Campus Police via the Simplex True Site and Dialers. 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 Environmental Health and Safety Assistant Director/ Fire Marshal and Campus Police via the Simplex True Site and Dialers. 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 was comprised of smoke detectors, audible and visual alarm devices, hallway manual pull stations and sprinklers in each room and hallway. Fire extinguishers were also mounted throughout the buildings. Emergency lighting was 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

2021 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
Polaris Hall ¹	1014 GTI Blvd., Bldg. 3037.	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

2022 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
Polaris Hall ²	1014 GTI Blvd., Bldg. 3037	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Albatross Hall ²	1014 GTI Blvd., Bldg. 3038	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pacific Hall	200 Seawolf Parkway, Bldg. 3031	1	1	Intentional/Item ignited	0	0	\$0-99
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

¹ Polaris Hall was utilized as overflow and temporary COVID-19 quarantine housing for students during calendar year 2021, beginning August 2021.

² Polaris Hall and Albatross Hall were utilized as overflow and temporary COVID-19 quarantine housing for students during calendar year 2022.

2023 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
Polaris Hall ³	1014 GTI Blvd., Bldg. 3037	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Albatross Hall ³	1014 GTI Blvd., Bldg. 3038	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

³ Polaris Hall and Albatross Hall were utilized as overflow housing for students during the beginning of calendar year 2023 and were purchased by Texas A&M University at Galveston in June 2023 as permanent on-campus housing facilities.

On-Campus Housing Initiatives

Residence Halls

Future improvements include adding and upgrading a mass notification system campus wide.

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 DREC website:

[https://orec.tamu.edu/clery/annual-security-report/.](https://orec.tamu.edu/clery/annual-security-report/)

Other Texas A&M University Annual Fire Safety Reports

Texas A&M University at College Station

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/CSAnnualFireReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Kingsville

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/KingsvilleAnnualFireReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Houston

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/HoustonAnnualFireReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Maritime Academy Training Ship

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/TAMUMaritimeAcademyAnnualFireReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Veterinary Education, Research, and Outreach

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/VEROAnnualFireReport.pdf>

Other Texas A&M University Annual Security Reports

Texas A&M University College Station

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/CSAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

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

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/UnivFarmAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University RELLIS Campus

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/RELLISAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University at Qatar

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/QatarAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Mays Business School at CityCentre

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/MaysAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University School of Law

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/LawAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Bryan

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/HSCBryanAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Dentistry Cooper Clinic Dallas

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/HSCCooperClinicAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Dallas

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/HSCDallasAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Houston

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/HoustonAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Kingsville

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/HSCKingsvilleAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Health Science Center Round Rock

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/HSCRRAAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Higher Education Center at McAllen

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/HECMcAllenAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Maritime Academy Training Ship

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/TAMUMaritimeAcademyAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Bush School of Government & Public Service Washington, DC Teaching Site

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/DCAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

Texas A&M University Veterinary Education, Research, and Outreach

<https://orec.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/VEROAnnualSecurityReport.pdf>

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