

# Evangel University

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**Main Campus  
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**Annual Fire Safety Report**  
(2015 calendar year fire statistics)



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### **A. Description of fire safety systems in on-campus housing facilities**

At Evangel University the six residence halls (Burgess, Krause, Lewis, Scott, Spence, and Walther) are continuously monitored by an addressable fire detection system. Smoke detectors are located in the hallways and lobbies. Heat detectors are located in the laundry room and mechanical room. Manual pull stations are available at each exit point.

Audible and visual alarms are activated in the residence hall and at the Department of Public Safety communications center when any sensing device detects the conditions of a fire. Each floor in the residence hall is equipped with at least two fire extinguishers. These systems are maintained by the Department of Public Safety.

Additionally, in every residence hall room there is a battery-operated smoke detector maintained by the Physical Plant Department.

Perkin Hall apartments, Evangel Court duplexes, and other rental properties are equipped with battery-operated smoke detectors and battery-operated CO<sub>2</sub> detectors maintained by the Physical Plant. Battery operated devices provide an audible alarm at the device.

### **B. Number of fire drills held during previous calendar year**

Fire drills were conducted in Lewis Hall, Krause Hall, Burgess Hall, Scott Hall, Walther Hall, and Spence Hall in the fall of 2015.

### **C. Policies or rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames**

Cooking and Appliances: Cooking: The halls do not have wiring or drainage capacities for full meal preparation. See acceptable Appliances

Each residence hall has an ice machine and vending machines in either the 1st or 2nd floor lobby. Microwaves, coffeepots, hot pots, crockpots, blenders, and compact refrigerators are the only acceptable appliances in rooms. For several appliances, use a UL approved power strip attached directly to wall outlet (not multiple extension cords, which are fire hazards). Appliances must be kept clean and are subject to room inspection standards.

Open flames/smoke: Objects producing or are capable of producing flames are prohibited, including burning/ burnt candles, incense, oil lamps, matches, and cigarette lighters are prohibited in the residence halls.

Maintain a healthy lifestyle; abstaining from the possession or use of: alcoholic beverages, tobacco and/or smoking products, narcotic and/or hallucinogenic drugs (outside of a legal prescription), marijuana, paraphernalia, etc., as well as refraining

from attendance at bars, nightclubs, and/or lounges.

**D. Procedures for student housing evacuation in the case of a fire alarm**

In the event of a fire alarm students should evacuate using the primary or secondary route and assemble with other residents of their floor at the predetermined assembly point in a safe area away from the residence hall.

**E. Policies regarding fire safety education and training programs provided to the students and employees.**

Each Residence Director conducts a hall meeting at the beginning of the semester to provide information on fire safety and the appropriate action to take during a fire alarm or fire emergency. The Residence Director covers evacuation routes and assembly points in these meetings.

The following information regarding the proper procedure to follow in case of a fire or explosion is provided in the current *Evangel University Emergency or Crisis Plan* flip chart maintained and posted in various campus locations for students and employees by the Evangel University Safety Committee:

Fire or Explosions

1. Activate any fire alarms in the vicinity.
2. Call the Department of Public Safety at 911 or 7000 and report the fire.
3. If you have proper training, use a fire extinguisher before evacuating only if it is possible to do so without jeopardizing your personal well-being, and the fire is small or just beginning.
4. In smoky conditions, crawl, staying near the floor; touch closed doors before opening them to see if they are hot from a fire on the other side.
5. If there is time, close all windows and doors, turn off all electrical circuits and gas valves.
6. Do not lock doors or use elevators.
7. Leave the building (assist any persons with mobility impairments out of the building or at least to safe refuges [e.g. stairwell landings]) and assemble outside the building. Immediately determine if everyone is present.
8. Inform emergency and Public Safety personnel of the locations of any people who may still be in the building (e.g. physically impaired).
9. The building may be re-occupied upon issuance of an "all clear" signal by Department of Public Safety.

The following fire safety education information is provided in the current *Student Handbook*:

**Fire Alarms:** All students **MUST** leave a campus building immediately when a fire alarm sounds.

**Fire Doors:** According to the City Fire Marshal stairwell doors must not be left open.

**Fire Safety Systems:** Misusing or committing pranks involving fire safety systems (e.g., building or floor fire/ smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and electrical panels) is prohibited and typically results in suspension. Students violating this standard may be prosecuted also by the City of Springfield, as this is a violation of Springfield city ordinances. Municipal Ordinance #F109-3 provides that such a person will be issued a citation and a summons to appear in court. The penalty is six months in jail and/or a \$500 fine. If a fire truck responds to the false alarm, the penalty is six months in jail and a \$500 fine. In addition, the Fire Marshal states that when the pulling of a fire alarm as a prank results in the evacuation of over ten persons from a building, it can be considered a “terrorist threat.” This is a Class “C” Felony and, as a federal offense, would be turned over to the FBI for prosecution.

**Smoke detectors in residence hall or room:** Tampering with smoke detectors, including removing the batteries or disabling them in any way, is prohibited. These things are important to let us know if there is a fire (or you have burned popcorn)!

**F. List of the titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report that a fire has occurred**

Fires, regardless of size or damage, must be reported immediately to the Department of Public Safety at 417-865-2815, ext. 7000, 417-575-8911, or 911 (not 9-911) from an on-campus telephone.

**G. Future improvements**

1. Generator back-up of all residence halls for essential lighting and electronics
2. Installation of additional emergency exit signs and reorientation of some existing exit signs
3. Exit routes posted on every floor

## Residential Facilities Fire Statistics

Facility	Address	Number of Fires in 2013	Number of Fires in 2014	Number of Fires in 2015	Category of Fire	Cause of Fire	Fire-related injuries	Fire-related deaths	Property damage
Spence Hall	1111 N. Glenstone Ave.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Walther Hall	1111 N. Glenstone Ave.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Scott Hall	1111 N. Glenstone Ave.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Krause Hall	1111 N. Glenstone Ave	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Burgess Hall	1111 N. Glenstone Ave	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Lewis Hall	1111 N. Glenstone Ave	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Perkin Hall	1111 N. Glenstone Ave	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 01	1533 E. Division St.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 02	1541 E. Division St.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Duplex 01	1508 N. Evangel Court	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Duplex 02	1514 N. Evangel Court	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Duplex 03	1520 N. Evangel Court	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Duplex 04	1526 N. Evangel Court	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Duplex 05	1534 N. Evangel Court	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Duplex 06	1540 N. Evangel Court	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Duplex 07	1546 N. Evangel Court	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Duplex 08	1552 N. Evangel Court	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Duplex 09	1554/1556 N. Evangel Court	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 03	1522 N. Weller Ave.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 04	1630 E. Pythian St.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 05	1634 E. Pythian St.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 06	1644 E. Pythian St.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 07	1650 E. Pythian St.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 08	1660 E. Pythian St.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 09	1670 E. Pythian St.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 10	1710 E. Pythian St.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Duplex 10	1716 E. Pythian St.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 11	1526 N. Weller Ave.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 12	1536 N. Weller Ave.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 13	1540 N. Weller Ave.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 14	1517 N. Delaware Ave.	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
House 17	1627 N. Delaware Ave*	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0

\*Properties acquired in 2013

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