

**Roger Williams University**

**2010 Fire Safety Report**

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 and its implementing regulations, Roger Williams University, including Roger Williams University School of Law ("University"), is providing mandatory fire safety information for calendar year 2009 in this report.

**Fire Statistics:**

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of Fires and Causes of Each Fire</b>	<b>Number of Injuries Related to a Fire that Result in Treatment at a Medical Facility</b>	<b>Number of Deaths Related to a Fire</b>	<b>Value of Property Damage Caused by a Fire</b>
2009	0	0	0	0

**On-Campus Student Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems:**

<b>On-Campus Student Housing Facility</b>	<b>Fire Safety Systems</b>
Almeida Apartments	2 buildings with supervised/addressable fire alarm systems and wet sprinkler systems; and 3 buildings with supervised/addressable fire alarm systems.
Baypoint Residence Hall	1 building with supervised/addressable fire alarm system and wet sprinkler system.
Bayside Apartments	3 buildings with supervised/addressable fire alarm systems and wet sprinkler systems.
Cedar Hall	1 building with supervised/addressable fire alarm system and wet sprinkler system.
King Philip (closed May 2009)	2 buildings with supervised/addressable fire alarm systems and wet sprinkler systems.
Maple Hall	1 building with supervised/addressable fire alarm system; and wet sprinkler system.
North Campus Residence Hall	1 building with supervised/addressable fire alarm system; and wet sprinkler system.
Stonewall Terrace	4 buildings with supervised/addressable fire alarm systems and wet sprinkler systems.
Willow Residence Hall	7 buildings with supervised/addressable fire alarm systems and wet sprinkler systems.

**Regular Mandatory Supervised Fire Drills:**

The University conducted two mandatory supervised fire drills at each on-campus student housing facility in the 2009 calendar year.

## **Policies/Rules on Portable Electrical Appliances, Smoking, and Open Flames in Student Housing Facilities:**

Portable Electrical Appliances: Electrical appliances such as space heaters, air conditioners, electric blankets, and immersion heater coils which are extreme fire hazards or appliances that are not suitable for a residence hall environment are prohibited. Microwaves, toaster ovens, hot plates, fry pans, indoor grills, and other cooking appliances are only allowed in the private kitchens at Almeida Apartments, Bayside Apartments, and North Campus Residence Hall. The University reserves the right to confiscate and dispose of any appliance deemed hazardous. It is the student's responsibility to check with the Department of Residence Life and Housing whether or not appliances other than those listed above are allowed.

Smoking: Smoking is prohibited in all residence halls and apartments. All residence hall rooms and apartments are smoke-free. Smoking is only permitted in designated gazebos located near the residence halls. (A map of these locations can be found in the Student Handbook). Hookahs, vaporizers, and other smoking devices are not permitted in any residence halls or apartments. Students who are found smoking in residence halls or apartments may be assessed a fine and may incur other sanctions from the Roger Williams University Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards or the School of Law Dean of Students Office.

Open Flames: Open flames, incense, candles, or oil lamps are prohibited at all times in all residence halls and apartments. Possession of these items may result in a \$50 – \$100 fine and other sanctions from the Roger Williams University Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards or the School of Law Dean of Students Office.

### **Procedures for Student Housing Evacuation in the Case of a Fire:**

Procedures for student housing evacuation in the case of a fire are found on fire safety instruction sheets which are located in each on-campus student housing facility.

### **Policies Regarding Fire Safety Education and Training Programs Provided to Students and Employees:**

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety conducts the following fire safety education and training programs: biannual supervised fire drills for each on-campus residence hall, staff fire extinguisher training, and general fire safety training for the following University groups: Resident Assistants (RA), Coordinators of Residence and Education (CORE), Peer Educators with Expertise in Referrals (PEER), Health and Wellness Educators (HAWWE), and Community Assistance for Residence Education Staff (TEAM CARE).

In case of a fire, you should immediately pull the nearest fire alarm as you exit the building. When evacuating the building, remember to feel doors before opening them to be sure that there is no fire on the other side. If you must enter a smoke-filled room or hallway, stay low, keeping one hand on the wall to avoid disorientation and crawl to the nearest exit, keeping your head near the floor. Once you are safely away from danger, call the Department of Public Safety and/or 911 to report the fire. Leave the

building at once but stand by to direct emergency teams to the location of the fire. Never re-enter the building until you have been instructed that it is safe to do so by emergency personnel.

**Reporting Fires:**

Students and employees should report all fires in on-campus student housing facilities to the Department of Public Safety.

**Plans for Future Improvement in Fire Safety:**

The University plans to install sprinkler systems in the remaining three buildings in Almeida Apartments over the next two years and new fire alarm systems in Bayside Apartments.