



2024 Annual Fire Report

1. Residence 2023 Fire Statistics

Name of Residential Facility	On Campus Address	Number of Fires	Cause of Fire	Reason to Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries	Number of deaths	Property Damage
Dorms	Lincoln Ave & Brigid Flanigan East Rd	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outback	Lincoln Ave	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wayback	Lincoln Ave	1	Undetermined	Undetermined	0	0	\$4,500.00
Fort Awesome	Lincoln Ave	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commons - Phase II	Phase II Drive	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olde Apts - Phase I	Lincoln Ave & Brigid Flanigan East Rd	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alumni Village	Brigid Flanigan East Rd	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campus Center North	Lincoln Avenue	0	0	0	0	0	0

2. Student Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems

Smoke/Heat Detectors are present in all student housing areas in accordance with the New York State Fire Code.

Sprinkler protection is installed as follows:

- Dormitories – partial (janitor closets only)
- Outback – Full
- Wayback – Full
- Fort Awesome – Full
- Phase I (Olde) – None
- Phase II (Commons) – Full
- Alumni Village – Full
- Campus Center North – Partial (closet in kitchen)

### 3. Fire Drills in 2023

Residential Buildings – 208

Other Buildings – 38

### 4. Policies regarding portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in student housing facilities.

The following are prohibited in all residence areas and it is explained in the 2022-2023 License Agreement:

- Smoking in any residence area, as well as any campus grounds - students will be billed up to \$200 for cleaning/painting in a bedroom, and \$350 for a common area, should smoking occur in the living space.
- Burning incense, candles, or any other open flame devices.
- Cooking and cooking appliances (except a MicroFridge, coffee pot with auto shut-off feature, or hot pot) in residence hall areas. (This does not apply to apartments or kitchen suites in Outback).
- High wattage electrical equipment (i.e., halogen lamps, sun lamps, air conditioners, etc.) – unless approved through ODR.
- Firearms, explosives, weapons, fireworks, swords, bb/pellet/paint/air guns, daggers, X-Acto knives, nunchakus, or other dangerous articles or substances injurious to person or property.
- Flammable/combustible substances (Christmas trees, lighter fluid, propane, paper decorations, acetone, oil paints, paint thinner, flammable solvents, etc.).
- Gasoline operated vehicles.
- Smoke/Fog machines.
- Tampering with or disabling fire equipment, fire alarms, or fire exit doors are a violation of law as well as College policy.

### 5. Evacuation procedures for student housing may be found at

<https://www.purchase.edu/offices/environmental-health-and-safety/emergency-evacuation-procedures/>

### 6. Policies regarding fire safety education and training provided to students and employees

All residence rooms, suites, and apartments should be provided with the fire evacuation plans for the specific area.

Office of Residential & Student Life Professionals and Paraprofessionals participated in a half-day Fire Safety training provided by the NY Fire Prevention and Control Office and the Associate Director Environmental Health & Safety.

Residence Coordinators and Resident Assistants work with UPD to ensure proper completion of fire evacuation drills.

Meetings between the Associate Director Environmental Health & Safety, Office of Residential & Student Life staff, Facilities staff, University Police and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control are ongoing to develop new plans for the safety of the campus community.

All students and staff living on campus received several communications from The Office of Residential & Student Life highlighting significant polices connected to fire safety, as well as regarding the fire safety equipment, such as smoke detectors and sprinklers, in each residential space. These emails were sent in January 2023 and August 2023 upon student move in, and in September 2023 prior to state fire inspections. There are also periodic emails sent to residents including fire safety reminders.

Additionally, any students moving into an apartment area were trained in the PASS fire extinguisher method upon receiving their keys in August 2023. This is documented on their key sign out form.

If students are documented through Community Standards to have violated some fire safety policy, they may be sanctioned a meeting with Environmental Health and Safety to discuss additional fire safety practices, and/or complete a short online module on fire safety.

Titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report that a fire occurred.

Students and employees should report fires immediately to the University Police at extension 6911 (914-251-6911).

7. Plans for future improvements in fire safety.

Additionally, we would require additional training for all students that are moving into an on-campus apartment regarding proper cooking/cleaning to minimize fire safety concerns. Updated paperwork needs to be installed on many residential spaces regarding the fire evacuation procedures, as well as routes in the residence halls.

8. Training conducted by the Associate Director of Environmental Health & Safety:

“Fire Safety” at orientation for first year students presented by the Associate Director of Environmental Health & Safety.

“Fire Safety” class for RCs and RAs presented by the Associate Director of Environmental Health & Safety.

The Associate Director of Environmental Health & Safety staffed a Resource Table at orientation ‘Fair’.

9. Other fire safety training

“Fire Safety” class for RCs and RAs presented by NYS OFPC at the start of the Spring 2023 semester.