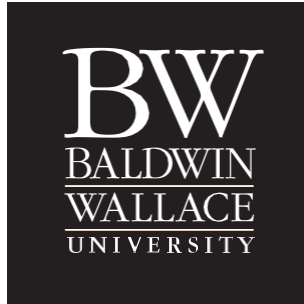
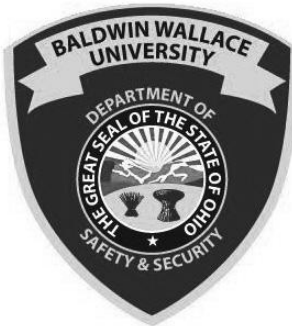




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Annual Fire Safety Report



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Baldwin Wallace University publishes this Annual Fire Safety Report in accordance with the fire-safety disclosure requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and 34 C.F.R. § 668.49.

This report contains fire statistics for calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025 for each on-campus student housing facility maintained by the University. It also provides information about student housing fire-safety systems, fire drills, fire-safety education and training, fire reporting and evacuation procedures, policies governing portable electrical appliances, smoking and open flames, and plans for future fire-safety improvements when the University has determined that improvements are necessary.

The U.S. Department of Education also publishes institutional fire statistics through its Campus Safety and Security data system. These fire statistics can also be viewed on the Department of Education's website at <http://ope.ed.gov/security/>.

Baldwin Wallace University distributes notice of the availability of this Annual Fire Safety Report to all currently enrolled students and current employees by October 1st each year. The notice includes a brief description of the report's contents, the exact electronic address where the report is available, and a statement that the University will provide a paper copy upon request.

Prospective students and prospective employees are provided with notice of the report's availability, a brief description of its contents, the exact electronic address where it is posted, and an opportunity to request a paper copy.

The Annual Fire Safety Report is available electronically at: <https://www.bw.edu/about/offices/safety-security>

Printed copies may be requested from the Baldwin Wallace University Department of Safety & Security by calling 440-

826-2336 or by visiting the department at 296 Beech St.

BW publishes its Annual Security Report separately. The Annual Security Report, which contains campus security policies and crime statistics, is available at:

<https://www.bw.edu/about/offices/safety-security>

Fire Log

The Baldwin Wallace University Department of Safety & Security maintains a written, easily understood fire log documenting each reported fire that occurs in an on-campus student housing facility. Fires are recorded according to the date they are reported. The log includes the nature, date, time, and general location of each fire.

An entry or addition to the fire log is made within two business days after the University receives information concerning the fire. A public copy of the fire log for the most recent 60-day period is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Department of Safety & Security, 296 Beech Street. Any portion of the log older than 60 days will be made available within two business days of a request for public inspection.

Students and employees should immediately report any fire occurring in on-campus student housing to the Department of Safety & Security. This includes fires that were extinguished before University personnel arrived and evidence of fires discovered after they occurred. Prompt reporting enables the University to document the incident, update the fire log, and determine whether the fire must be included in the Annual Fire Safety Report.

On-Campus Student Housing Fire Safety Systems

Below is a list of all campus facilities used to house students, a description of each facility's fire safety systems, and statistical information on the occurrences of fire in each facility, which is categorized as unintentional, intentional or undetermined. The U.S. Department of Education's definition of a fire is "any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning."

Floreske Apartments:

Gamewell E3 fire safety system, with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. System installed/updated in 2018. Smoke detectors are located in apartments, common areas and mechanical rooms. Pull stations are located in common areas. The building is not equipped with a sprinkler system. Fire extinguishers and emergency release magnetic doors are provided. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire alarm monitoring provider.

Number of fires in this facility

in 2023: 0 Number of fires in

this facility in 2024: 0

Number of fires in this facility

in 2025: 0

Carmel Living and Learning Center:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. Smoke detectors are located in suites, common areas, mechanical rooms, and information technology rooms. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The building has a dry sprinkler system providing attic protection. Fire extinguishers and magnetic-release doors are provided. The system was installed in 2016.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 0

Findley Hall:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. Pull stations are located in common areas and mechanical rooms. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The building is not equipped with a sprinkler system. Fire extinguishers are provided. The system was installed/updated in 2018.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 0

North Hall:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable heat detectors, non-addressable smoke detectors, and manual pull stations. Heat detectors are located in common areas and mechanical rooms, and pull stations are located in common areas. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The building is not equipped with a sprinkler system. Fire extinguishers are provided. The system was installed/updated in 2018.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 1

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 1

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 0

2023: Unintentional cooking fire that was contained to the stove. There were zero injuries or deaths, and the damage estimate was \$0.

2024: Unintentional small outdoor trash can fire. There were zero injuries or deaths, and the damage estimate was \$0.

21 Beech Street:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. Smoke detectors are located in suites. Pull stations are located in common areas and mechanical rooms. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The building is not equipped with a sprinkler system. Fire extinguishers are provided. The system was installed/updated in 2018.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 0

Davidson Commons:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. Pull stations are located in common areas. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The complex is not equipped with a sprinkler system. Fire extinguishers are provided. The system was installed/updated in 2018.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 1

2025: Fire was in Klein Hall during a summer camp and was the result of a pair of sweatpants falling on a lamp causing minor damage and resulting in zero injuries or deaths. The fire was extinguished quickly.

Kohler Hall:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. Smoke detectors and pull stations are located in common areas. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The building is equipped with a sprinkler system. Fire extinguishers and magnetic-release doors are provided. The system was installed/updated in 2018.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 0

Constitution Hall:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. Pull stations are located in common areas. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The building is not equipped with a sprinkler system. Fire extinguishers are provided. The system was installed/updated in 2018.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 0

Ernsthausen Hall:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The building has sprinkler protection in the first-floor lounge. Fire extinguishers and magnetic-release doors are provided. The system was updated in 2018.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 1

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 0

2024: Unintentional cooking fire that was contained to the oven. There were zero injuries or deaths and an estimated property damage of \$0.

Townhouse Apartments:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. Pull stations are located in common areas. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The building is not equipped with a sprinkler system. Fire extinguishers and magnetic-release doors are provided. The system was installed/updated in 2018.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 0

Heritage Hall:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The building is equipped with a sprinkler system. Fire extinguishers and magnetic-release doors are provided. The system was installed/updated in 2018.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 0

Harding House:

Gamewell E3 fire alarm system with addressable smoke detectors and manual pull stations. Pull stations are located in common areas and mechanical rooms. The system communicates digitally with the University's fire-alarm monitoring provider. The building is not equipped with a sprinkler system. Fire extinguishers are provided. The system was installed/updated in 2018.

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2025: 0

Residence Hall Fire Safety System Annual Testing:

All University residence halls that are equipped with a “Gamewell” brand fire safety systems are tested by a certified fire safety contractor once per calendar year, including a test of each individual device. All campus fire extinguishers are tested and recharged, if necessary, on an annual basis.

Student Housing Fire Reporting and Evacuation Procedures

Basic fire safety instruction is provided to all students living in residence halls who attend the orientation program at the beginning of each academic year. In addition, each residence hall conducts a fire drill once per semester. All residence halls staff members receive additional intensive and comprehensive fire safety training throughout the year.

If a fire is detected or the fire alarm sounds, evacuate the building by stairs and exits. Do not use elevators. Isolate the fire by closing doors as you leave. Do not attempt to extinguish fires unless you have been trained on the proper use of portable fire extinguishers. Activate the nearest fire alarm if it has not already been activated. Report a fire to the Berea Fire Department (911 or 440-234-1234) and Safety and Security (440-826-2000) from a phone in a safe area.

Once outside the building, move to a safe area, away from any potential dangers (breaking windows and falling debris). If you have knowledge of the cause and location of the alarm/smoke/fire, advise safety responders immediately. Do not re-enter the building until expressly advised that it is safe to do so by a Fire Department Official, a Residence Life staff member, or a University Safety and Security Officer.

Any fires that were quickly extinguished or any evidence of recent fires must be reported immediately to a Residence Hall staff member or the Safety and Security Department at 440-826-2000, who will document the incident as required. Safety

and Security and Residence Life coordinate with the Berea Fire Department and the Berea Police Department in the investigation of each fire incident.

Residence Life Policies Regarding Fire Safety:

Fire Safety Equipment and Procedures

- A.** It is a serious offense to tamper with fire safety equipment. Matters of safety and security are of primary importance to the campus community. Residents who are careless may jeopardize the welfare of everyone. As such, safety violations will be addressed through serious sanctions, including immediate removal from campus housing. Residents are expected to forego personal convenience in the interests of community safety. As such, the following behaviors are prohibited:
- Propping doors open
 - Tampering with or disabling fire safety equipment (including fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, sprinklers, heat detectors, and pull stations)
 - Removing, damaging, or obstructing required evacuation information
 - Activating an elevator emergency stop control when no emergency exists
 - Intentionally initiating a false fire alarm
 - Failing to evacuate when a fire alarm sounds or when directed by University officials or emergency personnel
- B.** Residents are not permitted to leave personal belongings in the hallways or stairwells as this creates an obstacle to evacuation routes.
- C.** In the event of a fire alarm sounding (including fire drills), residents and guests must do the following:
- Evacuate the building immediately
 - Move at least 100 feet away from the building, and do not block the street or parking lot to allow fire department access

- No person should return to the building unless fire department personnel give an “all clear”

Tobacco and Smoke-Free Policy (Effective January 1, 2017)

Smoking and tobacco use are prohibited on University-owned or leased property in accordance with Baldwin Wallace University policy. The prohibition applies to students, employees, visitors, contractors, consultants, and vendors and includes University buildings, on-campus student housing, athletic and recreational facilities, parking areas, and applicable vehicles.

For purposes of this policy, tobacco use includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes or similar devices, smokeless tobacco, and chewing tobacco.

Violations should be addressed in accordance with current University procedures. Students may be referred to Student Affairs, employees to Human Resources, and visitors, vendors, or contractors to Safety & Security or the responsible University office.

Candles/Open Flame

Open flames and unauthorized heat-producing devices are prohibited in on-campus student housing. Prohibited items include candles, incense, open-flame lanterns, potpourri cookers, candle warmers, and flammable liquids or fuels.

Requests to use incense or another flame-producing item for a religious or cultural observance must be submitted in advance to Residence Life . Approval may include conditions concerning location, supervision, duration, and fire-safety precautions.

Natural Christmas trees, pine roping, garlands, and combustible decorations made from materials such as cotton batting, straw, vines, leaves, or shrubbery are prohibited in on-campus student housing.

Electrical Appliances

Portable electrical appliances and electrical accessories used in on-campus student housing must comply with University policy and applicable fire- and electrical-safety requirements.

Appliances or devices that create an unacceptable fire risk, use exposed heating elements, exceed approved size limitations, or are otherwise prohibited by Residence Life may not be used.

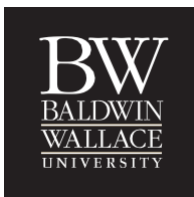
- A.** In compliance with fire and safety codes, the following appliances are not approved for use in any residential facility:
- Halogen lamps
 - Appliances with an exposed heating surface (e.g., toasters, toaster ovens, hot pots, hot plates, portable stove burners)
 - Space heaters
 - Freezers
 - Refrigerators larger than 5.0 cubic feet
 - Microwave ovens larger than 2.0 cubic feet
 - George Foreman Grills and similar grills
- B.** For safety reasons, only heavy-duty extension cords with a minimum of 14-gauge wire are allowed. If residents use surge protectors, they must be UL approved and with a self-tripping breaker.
- C.** Residents may bring small refrigerators. No more than one refrigerator per resident, with a maximum of two per living area, is allowed.
- D.** Refrigerators must be plugged directly into a wall outlet and not a surge protector.
- E.** All electrical appliances will be unplugged during winter break and only refrigerators and fish aquariums may be left on during spring break.

The Mission Statement of Baldwin Wallace University

Baldwin Wallace University is an academic community
committed to the liberal arts and sciences
as the foundation for lifelong learning.

The University fulfills this mission
through a rigorous academic program that
is characterized by excellence in teaching and
learning within a challenging
supportive environment that enhances
students' intellectual and spiritual growth.

Baldwin Wallace assists students in
their preparation to become contributing,
compassionate citizens of an
increasingly global society and
encourages their pursuit of
personal and professional excellence.



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