

Campus Fire Safety Report

FIRE LOG

The Residence Life fire log is kept at the Winthrop University Police Department and online and is open for public inspection. This log includes the nature, date, time, and location of each fire.

Winthrop University Residence Hall	Fire Alarm Monitoring By WUPD	Partial Sprinkler System ¹	Full Sprinkler System ²	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguisher Devices	Evacuation Plans/Placards	Number Of Fire Drills For Calendar Year 2023
Courtyard	*	N/A	*	*	*	*	2
Lee Wicker	*		*	*	*	*	2
Margaret Nance	*		*	*	*	*	2
Phelps	*		*	*	*	*	2
Richardson ⁴	*		*	*	*	*	0
Roddey	*		*	*	*	*	2
Thomson	*		*	*	*	*	2
Wofford ⁴	*		*	*	*	*	0

1. Partial Sprinkler System is defined as having sprinklers in the common areas only.

2. Full Sprinkler System is defined as having sprinklers in both the common areas and individual rooms.

3. Fire safety instructions are posted in each residence hall room.

4. Wofford was taken offline for the 2021 year and Richardson was taken offline for the 2022 year.

Winthrop University Residence Hall	Total Fires In Each Building	Fire Number	Date	Time	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	Case Number
Courtyard	0					N/A			
Lee Wicker	0					N/A			
Margaret Nance	0					N/A			
Phelps	0					N/A			
Richardson	0					N/A			
Roddey	0					N/A			
Thomson	0					N/A			
Wofford	0					N/A			

A fire is defined as any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.

EDUCATIONS, TRAINING, DRILLS, EVACUATION, REPORTING

All Residential Success Coordinators and Resident Assistant for each resident hall facility are trained in the use of fire extinguishers (to include use of with a live fire exercise), building evacuation, proper reporting of fires, blocking of fire sprinklers, and fire alarm equipment.

In accordance with state law and for the safety of students, fire drills will be conducted at various times throughout the semester. All persons must vacate the building during drills and remain outside until instructed to return by residence hall staff. Evacuation procedures are posted in each residence hall.

All students and employees must evacuate the building or residence hall in the event of a fire and follow the below procedures:

Some of these actions can be taken simultaneously:

IN CASE OF FIRE

- A. Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building as well as the location of nearby fire extinguishers and /or building fire hoses.
- B. Immediately sound a building alarm and/or alert others in your area.
- C. Call WUPD at 803/323-3333, providing your name and the location of the fire. To reach a 911 emergency operator, dial 9-911 from any campus phone.
- D. If the fire is small and you have been trained in the use of firefighting equipment, you may want to fight it with a fire extinguisher or a building fire hose. Be sure you are using the proper extinguisher for the type of fire and direct the charge of a fire extinguisher toward the base of the flame. Remember: PASS – Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep.
- E. If the fire is large, very smoky, or rapidly spreading, evacuate the building per the “Building Evacuation” guidelines. Remember to meet your Resident Assistant at the designated meeting area outside the building. **ONLY IF YOU ARE IN A RESIDENCE HALL**
- F. Close all doors as you leave, but do not lock them.
- G. Smoke is the greatest danger in a fire. Stay near the floor where the air will be more breathable.
- H. If you are unable to leave your area, follow these guidelines:

- Keep the doors closed.
- Seal cracks and vents if smoke comes in.
- If there is no smoke outside, open the windows from the top to let out the heat and smoke and from the bottom to let in fresh air.
- Hang an object at the window to attract the fire department’s attention.

If possible, call WUPD at 803/323-3333 and report that you are trapped.

The University requires any fire to be immediately reported to the appropriate local authorities to include the Winthrop University Police Department.

PORTABLE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, SMOKING, AND OPEN FLAMES

Personal electrical equipment authorized for use in individual rooms includes TV sets, stereo equipment, radios and computer equipment. Additional microwaves and refrigerators, other than the microwave/refrigerator/freezer unit furnished by the university, are not allowed. Other electrical equipment is acceptable provided such devices do not exceed the amperage limits of circuits, or create a hazard due to the manner by which they are connected.

Because of fire regulations, the following are prohibited:

- A. The use in individual rooms of open-coil or open-plate devices such as hot plates, halogen torchiere lamps, toaster ovens, deep fryers, Foreman type grills (complete list is on the Department of Residence Life website);
- B. The use of open flame or ember devices such as candles, incense or oil lamps;
- C. The use of electric lights on any Christmas trees other than artificial ones; no live trees are allowed;
- D. Parking bicycles in the halls, stairwells or handicap access ramps;
- E. Bringing motorbikes into halls, stairwells, lobby areas, or rooms;
- F. Hanging any objects on fire sprinkler pipes.

Smoking is not permitted in the residence halls. Students must abide by the Campus Smoking Policy.

All members of the Winthrop residence hall community, including visitors and vendors working on campus, are expected to comply with this policy. This policy relies on

the consideration and cooperation of tobacco users and non-users.

No person shall start a fire or create a fire hazard on University property without University authorization. This regulation is also intended to prohibit the possession and/or use of candles, torches, incense burners, other open flame apparatus.

MISUSE OF FIRE ALARMS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

No person shall make, or cause to be made, a false fire alarm, or emergency report of any kind. The sounding of false fire alarms and tampering with firefighting or safety equipment to include extinguishers, smoke detectors, hoses, exit signs, fire sprinkler equipment and door and fire alarm systems is prohibited and/or criminal. Such offenses are subject to prosecution in civil courts and/or criminal courts, removal from residence halls, and are cause for separation from the university. The student will vacate the residence hall and cooperate with staff members during fire and other safety drills.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM MONITORING / FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

All fire alarm systems in residence halls and buildings are monitored through Winthrop University Police Department.

All residence halls have fire extinguishers installed per NFPA 10.