Mesa Campus

Annual Fire Safety Report on Student Housing

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Annual Security Report

Benedictine University - Mesa Campus has a separate Annual Security Report for Calendar Year 2014, which may be viewed at: (http://ben.edu/mesa/campus-resources/publicsafety.cfm).

Fire Log

A log of all reported fires is maintained for public view with the Associate Vice President for Student Life, located on the main floor of Gillette Hall (Room 130).

Non-campus Student Housing Fire Safety Systems

The non-campus student housing facility is the Phoenix Mesa Marriott Hotel. The facility is equipped with modern, interior fire alarm systems with horns and strobe lights, which are monitored 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The hotel is equipped with automatic full sprinkler and smoke detection systems, fire extinguishers, and evacuation placards. These systems are tested at least once per year.

Non-campus Student Housing Facility Addresses

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Number of Fire Drills Held During Calendar Year 2014

During calendar year 2014, no fire drills were held for this facility during this time period.

Use of Portable Electrical Appliances, Smoking and Open Flames

Portable Electrical Appliances - The following items are not allowed: space heaters, cooking appliances with heating elements, toaster ovens, outside antennas or satellite dishes. Halogen lamps are not permitted in rooms due to the high risk of room fires.

Smoking - Arizona law prohibits smoking in virtually all public places and workplaces, which includes educational institutions and their properties. This includes the hotel. Smoking is permitted if you are at least 15 feet away from any building, with the understanding that cigarette butts must be properly disposed of. If a resident is observed smoking within 15 feet of a prohibited area a warning will be first issued. From that point the student will be charged $75 for each subsequent occurrence. If the violator is not a student, then the resident responsible for them will be fined.

Open Flames – The following items are not allowed: incense and candles.
**Procedure for Evacuation in the Case of a Fire**

Should you discover a fire, remember **RACE**:

- **R** emove anyone from immediate danger.
- **A** ctivate the fire alarm system by pulling the nearest fire alarm pull station and call 911.
- **C** ontain the fire by closing doors.
- **E** vacuate the building.

The hotel is equipped with fire alarm systems which activate at certain temperature levels or smoke conditions. However, many small fires will require a fire alarm pull station to be manually activated.

Should you be in a building when an alarm is activated, take the following actions:

- Evacuate **IMMEDIATELY** in a calm, orderly manner closing doors.
- Assist those with disabilities in exiting the building and ensure, to the extent possible, that other occupants know to evacuate.
- After evacuating the building, proceed to the evacuation assembly area for that particular building. Supervisors, faculty, and resident assistants will take a head count at the evacuation area and notify the Mesa Fire Department if anyone is unaccounted for. Be prepared to move to another location if the evacuation assembly area is deemed to be too close to the building. Help keep roads, fire lanes, hydrants, and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and crews.
- If you become trapped in a building during a fire, stay near the floor where the air will be less toxic. Shout for help at regular intervals to alert emergency rescue crews of your location. Remain calm and do not panic.

A person’s first action should be to evacuate the building. If a fire is small and appears controllable, use a nearby fire extinguisher to combat the fire.

Remember **PASS**:

- **P** ull the pin from the fire extinguisher.
- **A** im the fire extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **S**queeze the handles together.
- **S**weep the spray from side to side across the base of the flames

If the fire is not put out by the first fire extinguisher used, EVACUATE the building. DO NOT attempt to use a second fire extinguisher.

**EVACUATION**

An “EVACUATION” is a temporary and controlled rapid removal of people from a building, disaster area or campus as a rescue or precautionary measure. If the removal extends to more than a few months or becomes permanent, it is called “relocation.”

It is the policy of Benedictine University at Mesa (the “University”) to have defined procedures to protect the life and safety of students, staff, and guests should there be a hazard that causes the University to decide to evacuate.
If you hear the direction to “EVACUATE” over the public address (PA) system or classroom telephones, or an administrator announces the evacuation in person, or by any other means of communication, you are to follow the procedures provided by the evacuation announcement.

**What to do if outside during a building evacuation:**

1. Do not enter any building being evacuated.
2. Get to the Evacuation Assembly Area for the building being evacuated (if you are near a building).
3. Listen for specific directions.
4. An authorized person will announce via campus PA system or bullhorn when the building is safe to reenter.

**Evacuation Assembly Areas for Campus and Non-Campus Buildings**

- **Gregory Enrollment Center** – Parking lot behind bank or parking garage
- **Gillette Hall** – Southside parking lot or parking garage
- **Marriott Hotel** – The south side of the hotel

**Evacuation of the Mobility Restricted and Mobility Impaired**

**Mobility Restricted Individuals**

Mobility restricted individuals are those with disabilities which might impede rapid building evacuation. Examples include those who are blind or deaf, or whose mobility is restricted by use of walkers or crutches. Assistance can be provided by guiding them to a stairwell, waiting until a clear passage is established and helping them down or up the stairs to a designated meeting area.

**Mobility Impaired Individuals**

Mobility impaired individuals are those with disabilities who require the use of wheelchairs or other mobility devices. To assist those individuals, proceed as follows:

1. Call 911 and if time allows call Public Safety at 602-88-5516. Provide as much information as possible. Most importantly, provide the individual’s location.
2. Move the impaired individual near the stairwell and await assistance if there is no immediate danger within the vicinity of the stairs.
3. If the hazard becomes life-threatening, move the individual into a room and close the door. If evacuation is deemed necessary, attempt to gain volunteer assistance and proceed to evacuate by way of the established route. Inform 911 and Public Safety of the individual’s new location.

**Campus Evacuation**

Should it become necessary to evacuate the entire campus, the decision to implement these procedures rests with the Associate Vice President for Student Life. In situations requiring immediate action, the Mesa Police or Fire Department also can order a local area evacuation. When evaluating possible evacuation, consideration will be given to the following:

- Specific threat - Bomb, fire storm, earthquake, explosion, hazardous materials incident
- Context – Time of day, likelihood
- Recommendations of the public safety officials
In all cases when the decision has been made to evacuate the following basic procedures will be used.

1. The campus will be evacuated in stages, beginning with the areas that are in the immediate vicinity of the threat.
2. Other areas may then be evacuated, depending on the nature of the threat.
3. A gradual evacuation is preferable to a total, immediate evacuation, if possible, as it triages the populations most in danger, minimizes the likelihood of gridlock and congestion, and provides for ingress of emergency vehicles and personnel.
4. In all cases, evacuees would be directed away from the vicinity of the threat.

Policy on Fire Safety Education and Training Programs for Students and Employees

Fire safety education programs for all students in non-campus housing and all employees that have an association with non-campus housing are held at the beginning of each academic year and throughout the calendar year. Public Safety evaluates the effectiveness of the fire evacuation drills, and makes recommendations for improvement to University employees including the Residence Life Staff. If it is determined that additional training of employees is needed, the training will be coordinated by Public Safety.

The Mesa Fire Department is present during all evacuation drills. The Associate Vice President for Student Life, working with Public Safety, conducts training sessions, which include fire extinguisher training, evacuation planning and execution, educational materials, informational displays/booths, new employee orientation, publishing and posting of the University's Emergency Response and Recovery Plan annually, investigations, and referrals regarding fire safety issues. Training of Residence Life Staff is conducted each semester for new members. Awareness and educational programming also may be provided by the Mesa Fire Department. If a fire occurs, students are instructed to leave hazardous areas via the evacuation routes and get to a predetermined location before calling 911 for help. They are to remain in that location so First Responders can determine whether all students have left the building. This information also is provided in the University’s Emergency Response and Recovery Plan, which is updated and published annually.

Who should students and employees notify in the event of a fire?

- Dial 9-1-1 Mesa Fire Department
- Activate fire pull-station
- Dial 602-888-5516, Public Safety
- Associate Vice President for Student Life 602-888-5507

Future Improvements in Fire Safety

The University has adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and continues to train students, employees and campus first responders in fire/disaster response and recovery. The University plans to continue student and employee training provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and emergency/disaster response and recovery. Live fire extinguisher training will be added to resident student training and awareness.
Definitions:

**Official** - An official is any person who has the authority and the duty to take action or respond to particular issues on behalf of the institution.

**Fire** - Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.

**Fire Log** - Contains the date the fire was reported; the nature of the fire; the date and time of the fire; and the general location of the fire.

**Public** - Any university student, employee or, any person not associated with the institution.
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Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Residential Facilities

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