



Annual Fire Safety Report 2016 Calendar Year 2015

1. Fire Statistics/Log: Vernon Campus – including Student Residence Center & Athletic Hall

Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Residential Facilities

Year	Date /Time of Event	Location	Cause of Fire			Deaths	Injuries	Value of Property Damage
			Intentional/ Unintentional*	Mechanical Failure	Act of Nature			
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

2. On-Campus Housing Facilities Fire Safety Systems: (description)

Student Residence Center and Athletic Halls – Housing is available on the Vernon Campus. There are two student housing facilities at Vernon College which accommodate a total of 156 students. Each room is shared by two students. The Student Residence Center provides co-ed housing for 128 students. The 28-bed Athletic hall provides housing for baseball players. The rooms are built in a suite arrangement; two rooms share a shower and other bathroom amenities. In each housing facility, each dorm room is equipped with a smoke detector and there are fire extinguishers located in the center and at the end of each hallway. The fire extinguishers and emergency exit lights are checked annually by Vernon Fire & Safety. Fire alarms and smoke detectors are tested annually by Simplex-Grinell.

3. Fire & Severe Weather Drills Held: Spring/Fall

- A. Student Residence Center 1/1
- B. Baseball Residence Center 1/1

4. Institutional Policies Related to Possible Fire-Inducing Devices:

ITEMS PROHIBITED IN STUDENT HOUSING - The following items shall not be used or held in the student's room, storage areas, basement, or lobby; and violations will result in the item(s) being confiscated and disciplinary actions taken.

1. Firearms, ammunition, explosives (including firecrackers, fireworks, etc.), weapons, hunting bows, arrows, martial arts equipment, hazardous chemicals, gasoline driven vehicles of any kind i.e. motorcycles, vehicle parts, heavy repair equipment or accessories to any vehicle or engine parts.
2. Use of smokeless tobacco, including snuff and chewing tobacco, is prohibited in all College buildings. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings on campus including common rooms in the Student Residence Center.
3. Illegal drugs and/or paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages or their containers.
4. Alcoholic beverages and/or their containers.
5. Electrical items other than clocks, radios, stereo equipment, televisions, or other approved appliances. Microwave ovens must use less than ten (10) amps of power. Refrigerators must be 4.5 C.F. or less.
6. Outside television or radio antennas.
7. Waterbeds or water filled furniture.
8. Motorcycles of any type.
9. Pictures or items deemed by the Director of Housing to be obscene or pornographic.
10. Street signs and other public signs are considered to be stolen property and are not allowed in College Housing.
11. Open flame, burning or heat producing items, including candles.

12. Animals of any type.

5. **Student Housing Evacuation Procedures:** (Same procedures for both facilities)

Student Residence Center & Athletic Hall Fire Evacuation Procedures

If the fire alarm sounds, students are to evacuate the building IMMEDIATELY, following the instructions listed below.

A. If your door is hot to touch, do not open it.

1. Roll up a wet towel and place it at the base of the door to prevent smoke penetration.
2. Close windows, turn on lights, and close room doors but do not lock.

B. If your door is cool to the touch, open it slowly.

1. If you encounter heat and/or pressure in the hallway, leave your room, carefully, closing the door behind you, and proceed to the nearest exit/stairwell. (If possible, alert other students on your way to the exit).
2. If the hallway is clear, close your door behind you and proceed to the nearest exit/stairwell. (If possible, alert other students on your way to the exit).

C. If you encounter smoke, take short breaths through your nose and stay close to the floor (crawl if possible.)

D. Once outside the building, move far away from the building and wait until recalled by an authorized College official.

When appropriate, students will be asked to report to the tennis courts in order to account for all and make way for fire equipment.

A false fire alarm and/or the abuse of fire equipment (including smoke detectors) is an offense of the Texas Penal Code and may be considered a misdemeanor or felony. The College may elect to deal with these violations and/or refer them to appropriate law authorities. College action can include disciplinary action or expulsion from Vernon College. Safety equipment is here for your protection.

6. **Fire Safety Education & Training Programs:** At the beginning of each semester, a mandatory meeting for all student residents and housing staff is held. At the meeting, evacuation notification and emergency procedures are covered in detail.

7. **In the event of a Fire-Related Emergency, please report to:** 940-552-6291

- a. Chief of Police – Kevin Holland x. 2272
- b. Director of Housing – Skyler Charlary x. 2319
- c. Dean of Student Services – Jim Nordone x. 2250
- d. President – Dr. Dusty Johnston x. 2200

8. **Plans for future improvement in Fire Safety:** The safety of our students is of the utmost priority at Vernon College, therefore Vernon College plans to continue to report and comply with federal, state and local requirements.

The Vernon College Annual Security Report & Crime Awareness Statistics can be accessed from our website under Legal Information and then Government Mandated Information or here: <http://www.vernoncollege.edu/governmentmandatedinfo/>

Request a copy of this Annual Fire Safety Report or Annual Security Report by contacting Vernon College at 940.552.6291, or write Office of Student Services, 4400 College Drive, Vernon, Texas 76384.