

## Roger Williams University

### 2015 Fire Safety Report

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 and its implementing regulations, Roger Williams University, including Roger Williams University School of Law ("University"), is providing mandatory fire safety information for the three most recent calendar years (2014, 2013 and 2012) in this report.

#### Fire Statistics: 2012

Residential Facilities	Total Fires in each Building	Fire Number	Cause Of Fire	Number of Injuries Related to a Fire that Result in Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by a Fire
Almeida Apartments 236 Bayview Ave. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baypoint Residence Hall 144 Anthony Rd. Portsmouth, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bayside Apartments One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	1	1	Unintentional / Stove Fire	0	0	\$350.00
Cedar Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	1	1	Unintentional / Blanket and mattress fire	0	0	\$170.00
Maple Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
North Campus Residence Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Stonewall Terrace One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Willow	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Residence Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI						
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#### Fire Statistics: 2013

Residential Facilities	Total Fires in each Building	Fire Number	Cause Of Fire	Number of Injuries Related to a Fire that Result in Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by a Fire
Almeida Apartments 236 Bayview Ave. Bristol, RI	1	1	Unknown source of fire in dumpster	0	0	\$0.00
Baypoint Residence Hall 144 Anthony Rd. Portsmouth, RI	1	1	Worn neon lights burned through coating scorching wall behind it	0	0	\$50.00
Bayside Apartments One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cedar Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Maple Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
North Campus Residence Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Stonewall Terrace One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Willow Residence Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

## Fire Statistics: 2014

Residential Facilities	Total Fires in each Building	Fire Number	Cause Of Fire	Number of Injuries Related to a Fire that Result in Treatment at a Medical Facility	Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	Value of Property Damage Caused by a Fire
Almeida Apartments 236 Bayview Ave. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Baypoint Residence Hall 144 Anthony Rd. Portsmouth, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bayside Apartment1 One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cedar Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Maple Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
North Campus Residence Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	1	1	Fire started in pan that was left on burner that was not shut off. Sprinkler activation.	0	0	\$28,997.36
Stonewall Terrace One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Willow Residence Hall One Old Ferry Rd. Bristol, RI	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

**On-Campus Student Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems:**

<b>On-Campus Student Housing Facility</b>	<b>Fire Safety Systems</b>
Almeida Apartments	5 buildings with supervised/addressable fire alarm systems and wet sprinkler systems/Fire Extinguishers
Baypoint Residence Hall	1 building with supervised/addressable fire alarm system and wet sprinkler system/ Fire Extinguishers
Bayside Apartments	3 buildings with supervised/addressable fire alarm systems and wet sprinkler systems
Cedar Hall	1 building with supervised/addressable fire alarm system and wet sprinkler system / Fire Extinguishers
Maple Hall	1 building with supervised/addressable fire alarm system; and wet sprinkler system/Fire Extinguishers
North Campus Residence Hall	1 building with supervised/addressable fire alarm system; and wet sprinkler system/Fire Extinguishers
Stonewall Terrace	4 buildings with supervised/addressable fire alarm systems and wet sprinkler systems/ Fire Extinguishers
Willow Residence Hall	7 buildings with supervised/addressable fire alarm systems and wet sprinkler systems / Fire Extinguishers

**Regular Mandatory Supervised Fire Drills:**

The University conducted four mandatory supervised fire drills at each on-campus student housing facility in each of the calendar years.

**Policies/Rules on Portable Electrical Appliances, Smoking, and Open Flames in Student Housing Facilities:**

Portable Electrical Appliances: Electrical appliances such as space heaters, air conditioners, electric blankets, and immersion heater coils which are extreme fire hazards or appliances that are not suitable for a residence hall environment are prohibited. Microwaves, toaster ovens, hot plates, fry pans, indoor grills, and other cooking appliances are only allowed in the private kitchens at Almeida Apartments, Bayside Apartments, and North Campus Residence Hall. The University reserves the right to confiscate and dispose of any appliance deemed hazardous. It is the student's responsibility to check with the

Department of Residence Life and Housing whether or not appliances other than those listed above are allowed.

**Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited in all residence halls and apartments. All residence hall rooms and apartments are smoke-free. Smoking, including e-cigarette's, is only permitted in designated gazebos located near the residence halls. (A map of these locations can be found in the Student Handbook as well as online). Hookahs, vaporizers, and other smoking devices are not permitted in any residence halls or apartments. Students who are found smoking in residence halls or apartments may be assessed a fine and may incur other sanctions from the Roger Williams University Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards or the School of Law Dean of Students Office.

**Open Flames:** Open flames, incense, candles, or oil lamps are prohibited at all times in all residence halls and apartments. Possession of these items may result in a \$50 – \$100 fine and other sanctions from the Roger Williams University Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards or the School of Law Dean of Students Office. A grill procedures document is available online and in the student handbook designating proper use of grills.

#### **Procedures for Student Housing Evacuation in the Case of a Fire:**

Procedures for student housing evacuation in the case of a fire are found on fire safety instruction sheets which are located in each on-campus student housing facility and online.

#### **Policies Regarding Fire Safety Education and Training Programs Provided to Students and Employees:**

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety conducts the following fire safety education and training programs:

- i) Twice a semester supervised fire drills for each on-campus residence hall;
- ii) Staff fire extinguisher training, and general fire safety training for the following University groups: Resident Assistants (RA), Coordinators of Residence and Education (CORE), Peer Educators with Expertise in Referrals (PEER), Health and Wellness Educators (HAWES), and Community Assistance for Residence Education Staff (TEAM CARE);
- iii) Annual employee emergency response and evacuation procedure training; and
- iv) The distribution of flyers, e-mails and brochures regarding fire safety educational purposes.

#### **Procedures for Evacuation in the event of a Fire in a campus Building:**

In case of a fire, you should immediately pull the nearest fire alarm as you exit the building. When evacuating the building, remember to feel doors before opening them to be sure that there is no fire on the other side. If you must enter a smoke-filled room or hallway, stay low, keeping one hand on the wall to avoid disorientation and crawl to the nearest exit, keeping your head near the floor. Once you are safely away from danger, call the Department of Public Safety at 254-3333 and/or 911 to report the fire. Leave the building at once but stand by to direct emergency teams to the location of the fire. Never re-enter the building until you have been instructed that it is safe to do so by emergency personnel.

**Reporting Fires:**

Students and employees should report all fires in on-campus student housing facilities to the Department of Public Safety at 401-254-3333.

**Plans for Future Improvement in Fire Safety:**

The University plans to continue campus wide fire alarm system upgrades.

**Notice of Annual Security Report and Annual Fire Safety Report Availability**

Roger Williams University is committed to assisting all members of the RWU community in providing for their own safety and security. As required by federal law, each year RWU prepares an annual Security Report and Fire Safety Report. The Reports contain information regarding campus security and personal safety including topics such as crime prevention, fire safety, crime reporting policies, disciplinary procedures and other matters of importance related to security and safety on campus. They also contain information about crime statistics for the three previous calendar years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by RWU, and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the RWU campus, as well as fire statistics for the three previous calendar years concerning reported fires that occurred in RWU residence halls. The Reports, and information regarding the Reports, is available as follows:

**Security Report**

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**Crime Statistics**

(Fill in new link)

RWU's Department of Public Safety will provide a paper copy of the Report upon request.

Questions regarding the Report may be directed to the Department of Public Safety. Please contact Pamela Moffatt-Limoges, Associate Director at (401) 254-3146 or e-mail [pmoffatt-limoges@rwu.edu](mailto:pmoffatt-limoges@rwu.edu).

**Fire Safety Report**

The Fire Safety Report is available online at:

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RWU's Department of Environmental Health & Safety will provide a paper copy of the Report upon request.

Questions regarding the Report may be directed to the Department of Environmental Health & Safety. Please contact Kathy Souza, Interim Director at (401) 254-3494 or e-mail [ksouza@rwu.edu](mailto:ksouza@rwu.edu).

