

Carthage College

The Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act is a bill aimed at increasing fire safety awareness on college campuses. It is an amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1965, which requires colleges and universities to report specific fire safety information and statistics.

Carthage College has begun collecting this information and has made it available on the school website. Please review the information provided and contact us at 262-551-5911, with any questions you have.

Residence Hall	Fire Alarm System	Sprinkler System
Parkway Apts.	Yes	No
Swenson Hall	Yes	No
Tarble Hall	Yes	No
Denhart Hall	Yes	No
Johnson Hall	Yes	No
Madrigano Hall	Yes	No
Oaks 1	Yes	Yes
Oaks 2	Yes	Yes
Oaks 3	Yes	Yes
Oaks 4	Yes	Yes
Oaks 5	Yes	Yes
Oaks 6	Yes	Yes
Tower Residence	Yes	Yes

Fire Incidents by Building for 2022

Residence Hall	Fire Alarms	Actual Fire	Injuries	Deaths	Property Damage
Parkway Apts.	5	0	0	0	0
Swenson Hall	3	0	0	0	0
Tarble Hall	4	0	0	0	0
Denhart Hall	12	0	0	0	0
Johnson Hall	7	0	0	0	0
Madrigano Hall	8	0	0	0	0
Oaks 1	2	0	0	0	0
Oaks 2	2	0	0	0	0
Oaks 3	2	0	0	0	0

Oaks 4	3	0	0	0	0
Oaks 5	2	0	0	0	0
Oaks 6	2	0	0	0	0
Tower Residence	22	0	0	0	0

2022 Residence Hall Fire Alarms by Building

Residence Hall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	2022 Totals
Parkway Apts.	0	2	1	2	5
Swenson Hall	1	1	0	1	3
Tarble Hall	0	1	0	3	4
Denhart Hall	1	1	6	4	12
Johnson Hall	0	4	0	3	7
Madrigano Hall	2	3	2	1	8
Oaks 1	0	1	0	1	2
Oaks 2	0	1	0	1	2
Oaks 3	0	1	0	1	2
Oaks 4	1	1	0	1	3
Oaks 5	0	1	0	1	2
Oaks 6	0	1	0	1	2
Tower Residence	7	6	2	7	22

2022 Residence Hall Fire Alarms by Cause

Residence Hall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	2022 Totals
Fire Drill	0	13	0	13	26

Food Related	7	4	1	4	16
Testing/Repairs	0	0	0	0	0
Hygiene	0	0	0	0	0
Device Activation	1	3	8	9	21
Fires	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2	4	1	1	8
Unknown	2	0	1	0	3
TOTAL	12	24	11	27	74

Definitions of Causes:

Food Related- Any reported food such as burnt food, food prep equipment malfunction, or cooking

Testing/Repairs/Maintenance- Any reported cause related to university test, repairs, maintenance, Contractor services and defective system devices.

Hygiene- Any reported cause related to personal hygiene such as aerosols, cleaners, hair beauty devices, perfumes, and burnt hair.

Device Activation-Any reported cause related to the activation of university systems and devices such as water flow alarms, duct detectors, smoke detectors, and pull station activation.

Fires- Any reported fire or fire-related incident such as couch on fire

Other-Any reported causes that are not classified under the previous categories are drugs, vandalism, and air handler fog machine, candles, gas odor, air pressure, student discharged a fire extinguisher, and student error.

Unknown-Any reported cause that could not be specifically identified such as accident and an unknown source.

Carthage College Campus Life and Residential Programs and Fire Safety Policies

Appliances

Open coil, unshielded, and/or improperly grounded appliances are not allowed. Extension cords must be properly grounded and in good repair. An extension cord must be rated correctly for the specific electric load. Hanging or draping an electrical cord is prohibited. When an unauthorized appliance is discovered, the student must remove the item from the residence halls. Failure to remove the appliance will result in disciplinary action and/or the removal and disposal of the appliance by College officials. Fines may be imposed at the rate of \$100.00 for the first appliance found \$150.00 for the second, \$200.00 for the third found, etc. If the appliance must be removed and disposed of by the College, the student assumes all monetary compensation for the College's inconvenience, labor and costs involved. Any questionable appliance should be approved by the Dean of Students Office.

Microwaves

Microwave ovens are allowed in student rooms but are limited to 800 watts of total power. The College reserves the right to regulate microwave usage at any time to prevent electrical overload between rooms and excessive circuit breaker resetting.

Refrigerators

Refrigerators may be used but they must not exceed 5 cubic feet. Large, kitchen size refrigerators are not allowed. Refrigerators must have the following specifications:

- a. Weight: maximum 100 lb.,
- b. Maximum dimensions, including all protuberances (such as handles, bumpers, grills, etc.), height 35 inches, width 24 inches, depth 25 inches, interior capacity 5 cubic feet,
- c. No exposed sharp corners or edges,
- d. Electrical voltage rating 11 5V, 50/60 cycles, average 1.7 max. amps. 195 watts, grounding-type cord 3 wire, UL approved unit, and cord with labels conspicuously placed.

Refrigerators must be unplugged, emptied, cleaned, and defrosted prior to Christmas and Spring Break.

Televisions / Cable

Basic cable television service for each room has been provided through the Residence Life Council. Problems with reception should be reported directly to a residence hall staff member. Carthage assumes no responsibility for the repair or upkeep of cable services.

Cleanliness

Decoration of Rooms/Room Furnishings

The College furnishes each room with a study desk, a bookcase, a chair, a bed, a chest of drawers, and a closet. In all of the residence halls, modular furniture allows students a variety of room configurations, including the ability to bunk the bed units. No furniture other than that which is provided should be necessary. All college furnishings must remain in the student rooms; storage space is not available. Students may bring other furnishings (carpet, couches, chairs, and computer furniture) provided they do not pose a fire hazard or prevent emergency access to and from the residence hall room. Lofts are prohibited in the residence hall rooms. Bedsprings are provided by the College. This policy also prohibits the construction or placement of any furnishings, paneling, or material that prevents a clear view of the window from the hallway. It is the Hall Directors' discretion whether or not the room conforms to this policy. The College reserves the right to remove any or all furnishings that are not provided by the College at any time for any reason

Fire Equipment

Each corridor and large common area is equipped with a pull station to sound a fire alarm and a chemical (red) fire extinguisher. Exit signs mark each passageway to evacuate the building. Each Wing or floor has a posted evacuation route diagram. The Oaks Residence Halls the stairway #1 landings are designated as areas of rescue assistance. These areas are equipped with an intercom designed for first (fire) responders' use.

Campus Security is equipped with Stryker rescue assistance chairs which provide the officers the ability to safely evacuate persons with ambulatory impairments.

Fire Safety

The first priority is saving the lives of the residents. The second priority is to save personal property. The building will be vacated completely at the sound of an alarm. Failure to evacuate will result in serious disciplinary action. Do not assume that any alarm is false.

Because of the threat to individual safety and property, the following College policy regarding fire safety will be enforced: any student found fraudulently activating a fire alarm or smoke detector, or setting a fire, will be subject to immediate dismissal from the College and subject to penalty under state and local laws by civil authorities.

Gas-driven engines, gas containers, paint, or containers of flammable liquids are prohibited. Burning candles and incense is prohibited. The occupancy capacity of individual student rooms is limited to 10 persons per room in order to conform to local fire and safety codes and regulations. Students are prohibited from placing or storing personal items or College furniture in any residence hall corridor, stairwell, or other areas of egress.

Any student setting a fire or found tampering with a fire extinguisher, exit sign, fire alarm or smoke detector will be subject to immediate dismissal. Any violation of the fire safety policy may also result in a fine up to \$500, severe disciplinary measures by the College, and may be turned over to civil authorities for additional action

Fire Inspections

All Carthage College is inspected twice annually by the Kenosha Fire Department and members of the Maintenance Staff.

Carthage College mechanical equipment rooms including residence hall boiler, heating, and cooling plants are inspected annually by risk management professionals from Marsh Inc.

Carthage College fire alarm systems including the fully addressable fire alarm systems in Tarble, Denhart, Johnson, Madrigrano, Oaks #1 - #6 are inspected annually by an original manufacturer certified vendor. Carthage maintains a service contract with this OEM vendor that stipulates a maximum 4 hour response time to all calls. The fire alarm system at 1625 Sheridan Road is inspected annually and also maintained via a service contract by the installation vendor.

Security Officers specifically assigned to the campus residence halls inspect the fire alarm system components, fire extinguishers prepositioned in the residence halls, and emergency contact telephones on a daily basis. The fire alarm horns are tested on a monthly basis by Carthage Security Officers.