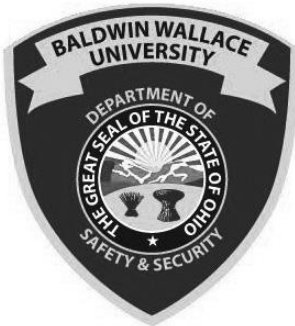


**2025**

**Campus Fire Safety**

**“Right to Know” Information**



# **Fire Right to Know 2025**

The crime and fire statistics that are displayed below are for the years of 2022, 2023 and 2024. This follows The Federal Department of Education's guidelines for the publishing of crime and fire data, by October 1st, for the previous three years. These crime and fire statistics can also be viewed on the Department of Education's website at <http://ope.ed.gov/security/>.

This guide is published annually in compliance with section 485 (pgs. 596-614) of the Higher Education Opportunity Act, otherwise known as the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act. It contains resident housing information on fire statistics, Safety and Security's "Fire Log," fire safety equipment and plans to improve this equipment, fire safety training and drills, procedures for evacuation, and rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking, open flames.

All currently registered students as well as employees are advised each year of the guide's availability, the exact electronic address at which the report is posted, a brief description of the report's contents, and a statement that the institution will provide a paper copy of the report upon request. An electronic version is available online at:  
<http://www.bw.edu/about/offices/safety-security/fire-right-to-know/>.

Printed copies may be requested by calling Safety and Security at 440-826-2737. Prospective students and employees of the University are also informed of the guide's availability by Admission and Human Resources, and these departments have printed copies available in their reception/office areas.

## ***Fire Log***

The Safety and Security Department maintains a written, easily understood fire log that records, by the date that the fire was reported, any fire that occurred in an on-campus student housing facility. This log includes the nature, date, time, and general location of each fire, and is located in the front lobby of Safety and Security (296 Beech Street).

## ***Student Residence Fire Safety Systems and Instances of Fire***

Below is a list of all campus facilities used to house students, a description of each facility's fire safety systems, and statistical information on the occurrences of fire in each facility, which is categorized as unintentional, intentional or undetermined. The Department of Education's definition of a fire is "any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning."

### **Floreske Apartments:**

"Gamewell" brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable smoke detectors/pull stations and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System installed/updated in 2018. Detectors are located in apartments, common areas and the mechanical rooms, and detectors are set to factory specifications for sensitivity. Pull stations are located in common areas. The building does not have a sprinkler system, but it does have fire extinguishers and emergency release magnetic doors.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

### **Carmel Living and Learning Center:**

"Gamewell" brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable smoke detectors/pull stations and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System installed in 2016. Detectors are located in suites, common areas and the mechanical/I.T. rooms, and detectors are set to factory specifications for sensitivity. The building has a "dry" sprinkler system with "life safety" sprinkler heads in the attic. Building also has fire extinguishers and emergency release magnetic doors.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

### **Findley Hall:**

"Gamewell" brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable pull stations and smoke detectors and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System installed/updated in 2018. Pull stations are located in common areas and mechanical rooms. The building does not have a sprinkler system, but it does have fire extinguishers.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

### **North Hall:**

“Gamewell” brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable heat detectors/pull stations and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. Pull stations are located in common areas. Heat detectors are located in common areas and mechanical rooms and are set to factory specifications for sensitivity. System installed/updated in 2018. The building has nonaddressable smoke detectors. The building does not have a sprinkler system, but it does have fire extinguishers.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 1

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 1

2023: Unintentional cooking fire that was contained to the stove. There were no injuries or damage.

2024: Unintentional small outdoor trash can fire. There were no injuries or damage.

### **21 Beech Street:**

“Gamewell” brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable smoke detectors/pull stations and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System installed/updated in 2018. Smoke detectors are located in suites and are set to factory specifications for sensitivity. Pull stations are located in common areas and mechanical rooms. The building does not have a sprinkler system, but it does have fire extinguishers.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

### **Davidson Commons:**

“Gamewell” brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable smoke detectors/pull stations and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System installed/updated in 2018. Pull stations are located in common areas. The building does not have a sprinkler system, but it does have fire extinguishers.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

**Kohler Hall:**

“Gamewell” brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable smoke detectors/pull stations and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System installed/updated in 2018. Smoke detectors are located in common areas and are set to factory specifications for sensitivity. Pull stations are located in common areas. The building has a sprinkler system with “life safety” sprinkler heads. Building also has fire extinguishers and emergency release magnetic doors.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

**Constitution Hall:**

“Gamewell” brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable smoke detectors/pull stations and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System installed/updated in 2018. Pull stations are located in common areas. The building does not have a sprinkler system, but it does have fire extinguishers.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

**Ernsthausen Hall:**

“Gamewell” brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable smoke detectors/pull stations and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System updated in 2018. The building has a sprinkler system with “life safety” sprinkler heads located in the first-floor lounge. Building also has fire extinguishers and emergency release magnetic doors.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 1

Unintentional cooking fire that was contained to the oven. There were no injuries or damages.

**Townhouse Apartments:**

“Gamewell” brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable smoke detectors/pull stations and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System installed/updated in 2018. Pull stations are located in common areas. The building does not have a sprinkler system, but it does have fire extinguishers and emergency release magnetic doors.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

### **Heritage Hall:**

“Gamewell” brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable pull stations/smoke detectors and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System installed/updated in 2018. The building has a sprinkler system with “life safety” sprinkler heads. Building also has fire extinguishers and emergency release magnetic doors.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

### **Harding House:**

“Gamewell” brand fire safety system, model E3, with addressable pull stations/smoke detectors and digital communication with Select Security Central Station. System installed/updated in 2018. Pull stations are located in common areas and mechanical rooms. The building does not have a sprinkler system, but it does have fire extinguishers.

Number of fires in this facility in 2022: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2023: 0

Number of fires in this facility in 2024: 0

### **Hamilton House:**

Baldwin Wallace houses students at Hamilton House Apartments, which are located at **375 Front Street and 381 Front Street.**

Each of the individual apartments and hallways have nonaddressable, battery operated smoke detectors. Each floor of the apartment complex also has one fire extinguisher.

Number of fires in the above listed apartments in 2022: 0

Number of fires in the above listed apartments in 2023: 0

Number of fires in the above listed apartments in 2024: 0

### **Campus Houses:**

Baldwin Wallace houses students at **28 E. Fifth Street, 351 ½ Beech Street, 352 Eastland Road, 362 Front Street, 372 Front Street, 378 Front Street, 384 Front Street, and 390 Front Street.**

All of these campus houses have nonaddressable, battery-operated smoke detectors in bedrooms and common areas. These houses also have one fire extinguisher on each floor of the facility.

Number of fires in the above listed campus houses in 2022: 0

Number of fires in the above listed campus houses in 2023: 0

Number of fires in the above listed campus houses in 2024: 0

### ***Residence Hall Fire Safety System Annual Testing:***

All University residence halls that are equipped with a “Gamewell” brand fire safety systems are tested by a certified fire safety contractor once per calendar year, including a test of each individual device. All campus fire extinguishers are tested and recharged on an annual basis.

### ***Student Housing Fire Reporting and Evacuation Procedures***

Basic fire safety instruction is provided to all students living in residence halls who attend the orientation program at the beginning of each academic year. In addition, each residence hall conducts a fire drill once per semester. All residence halls staff members receive additional intensive and comprehensive fire safety training throughout the year. If a fire is detected or the fire alarm sounds, evacuate the building by stairs and exits. Do not use elevators. Isolate the fire by closing doors as you leave. Do not attempt to extinguish fires unless you have been trained on the proper use of portable fire extinguishers. Activate the nearest fire alarm if it has not already been activated. Report a fire to the Berea Fire Department (911 or 440-234-1234) and Safety and Security (x2000) from a phone in a safe area.

Once outside the building, move to a safe area, away from any potential dangers (breaking windows and falling debris). If you have knowledge of the cause and location of the alarm/smoke/fire, advise safety responders immediately. Do not re-enter the building until expressly advised that it is safe to do so by a Fire Department Official, a Residence Life staff member, or a University Safety and Security Officer. Any fires that were quickly extinguished or any evidence of recent fires must be reported immediately to a Residence Hall staff member or the Safety and Security Department at 440-826-2336, who will document the incident as required. Safety and Security and Residence Life coordinate with the Berea Fire Department and the Berea Police Department in the investigation of each fire incident.

## ***Residence Life Policies Regarding Fire Safety:***

### **Fire Safety Equipment and Procedures**

- A.** It is a serious offense to tamper with fire safety equipment. Matters of safety and security are of primary importance to the campus community. Residents who are careless may jeopardize the welfare of everyone. As such, safety violation will be addressed through serious sanctions, including immediate removal from campus housing. Residents are expected to forego personal convenience in the interests of community safety. As such, the following behaviors are prohibited:
- propping doors
  - tampering with fire safety equipment (including fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and pull stations)
  - destruction or removal of a door fire safety evacuation document, which are to be in plain sight
  - engaging the stop button on an elevator when there is no emergency
  - pulling false fire alarms
  - failing to exit a building when a fire alarm sounds
- B.** Residents are not permitted to leave personal belongings (i.e., shoes, basket, clothes, food, etc....) in the hallways or stairwells as this creates an obstacle to free access to and from the building/apartment/ house.
- C.** In the event of a fire alarm sounding (including fire drills), residents and guests must do the following:
- Evacuate the building immediately
  - Move at least 100 feet away from the building, and do not block the street or parking lot to allow fire department access
  - No person should return to the building unless fire department personnel give an “all clear”

### **Tobacco and Smoke-Free Policy (Effective January 1, 2017)**

- In the interest of the health, safety, and comfort of students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors, smoking is prohibited on all



university-owned or leased property. This policy applies to faculty, staff, students, visitors, subcontractors, consultants, and vendors. This prohibition includes all university buildings, athletic and recreational facilities, parking lots and university owned, or personal vehicles being driven or parked on campus.

- Tobacco use means the personal use of any tobacco product, whether lighted or not, including but not limited to: cigarettes, pipes, cigars, e-cigarettes, smokeless and chewing tobacco.
- Employees are authorized and encouraged to communicate this policy with courtesy, respect and diplomacy. If an employee refuses to comply with this policy, Human Resources shall be notified. If a student refuses to comply with this policy, the Office of Student Affairs shall be notified. If contractors, consultants, visitors, or vendors refuse to comply with the policy, the Safety and Security Department should be contacted. Individuals violating the policy should initially be reminded about the policy. Continuing violations may also result in appropriate disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.
- Tobacco is a leading cause of death in the United States. BW encourages any employee or student who uses tobacco to quit. More information on tobacco and smoking cessation programs can be obtained from Human Resources or the Student Health Center.

## **Candles/Open Flame**

- A. Open flames, including, but not limited to candles (wickless, decorative or otherwise), incense lanterns, potpourri, cookers, flammable fluids, and candle warmers are not permitted in any residential facility. Residents needing to burn incense for religious or cultural ceremony must have permission from the Area Coordinator of that living area prior to the religious event.
- B. Due to the high potential of fire, Christmas trees, pine roping or garland and any flammable decoration made of cotton batting, straw, vines, leaves and shrubbery are prohibited.

## **Electrical Appliances**

- A. In compliance with fire and safety codes, the following appliances are not approved for use in any residential facility:
  - Halogen lamps
  - Appliances with an exposed heating surface (e.g., toasters,

toasters ovens, hot pots, hot plates, portable stove burners)

- Space heaters
- Freezers
- Refrigerators larger than 5.0 cubic feet
- Microwave ovens larger than 2.0 cubic feet
- George Foreman Grills and similar type grills

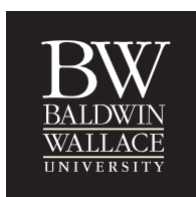
- B.** For safety reasons, only heavy-duty extension cords with a minimum of 14-gauge wire are allowed. If residents use surge protectors, they must be UL approved and with a self-tripping breaker.
- C.** Residents may bring small refrigerators. No more than one refrigerator per resident, with a maximum of two per living area, is allowed.
- D.** Refrigerators must be plugged directly into a wall outlet and not a surge protector.
- E.** All electrical appliances will be unplugged during winter break and only refrigerators and fish aquariums may be left on during spring break.

## **The Mission Statement of Baldwin Wallace University**

Baldwin Wallace University is an academic community  
committed to the liberal arts and sciences  
as the foundation for lifelong learning.

The University fulfills this mission  
through a rigorous academic program that  
is characterized by excellence in teaching and  
learning within a challenging  
supportive environment that enhances  
students' intellectual and spiritual growth.

Baldwin Wallace assists students in  
their preparation to become contributing,  
compassionate citizens of an  
increasingly global society and  
encourages their pursuit of  
personal and professional excellence.



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