

2024 Fire Safety Report

San Diego State University

The Campus Fire Safety Right-To-Know Act

The Higher Education Opportunity Act enacted in August of 2008 requires institutions that maintain on-campus student housing facilities to publish an annual fire safety report that contains information about campus fire safety policies, practices, and statistics. The following report details all information required by this act as it relates to San Diego State University. The Annual Security Report (Clery) is available from the University Police Department.

Fire Statistics 2021-2023



Facility Descriptions: University-Owned and Affiliated Residential Facilities

All on-campus residential communities were built in accordance with California Building codes and meet the standards/regulations according to the California Fire Code.

| Campus Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems (2023) | | | | | | | | |
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| | Stories | Smoke Detection | Heat Detection | Pull Stations | Sprinkler System | Fire Extinguishers | Automatic UPD Dispatch Notification | Evacuation Drills Per Calendar Year |
| On Campus Residential Communities | | | | | | | | |
| Aztec Corner 5504, 5602, 5700 Montezuma Rd. | 4 | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Chapultepec 5400 Remington Rd. | 11 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Cuicacalli Suites 5150 East Campus Dr. | 6 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Granada 5525 Hardy Ave. | 4 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Huaxtepec 5475 55th St. | 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 1 |
| Huaxyacac 5410 55 th St. | 5 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Maya/Olmeca 6050 Lindo Paseo | 3 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| M@College 5030 College Ave. | 5 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Metepec 5430 55th St. | 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 1 |
| Mixquic 5484 55th St. | 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Piedra del Sol 5600 Hardy Ave. | 4 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| South Campus Plaza-North 5140 College Ave. | 6 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 1 |
| South Campus Plaza-South 5120 College Ave. | 6 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Tarastec 5445 55th St. | 4 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| The Essential 5565 Lindo Paseo | 4 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 1 |
| Tenochca 6126 Montezuma Rd. | 8 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Toltec 5460 55th St. | 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |

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| University Towers 5505 Montezuma Rd. | 9 | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Villa Alvarado 6161 Alvarado Rd. | 3 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 1 |
| Viva 5750 Montezuma Rd. | 4 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 1 |
| Zacatepec 5485 55th St. | 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Zapotec 5450 55th St. | 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |
| Zura 6124 Montezuma Rd. | 8 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 2 |

Safety and Security Policies for On-Campus Residential Communities

Housing Administration and Residential Education policies are referenced in the Housing License Agreement and are described in detail in a document titled *“Your Guide to Community Living”*. A guidebook is placed in each room and residents are held accountable for knowing and following the policies and regulations.

The guidebook can also be found on the housing website: [Policies and Procedures](#).

Policies on Electrical Appliances, Open Flames and Smoking

Electrical Appliances: University-provided microwave fridge combination devices or refrigerator and microwave appliances are provided for food preparation and storage. Microwave fridge combination devices must be plugged directly into a wall outlet. No personal refrigerators of any size are permitted. Cooking appliances including, but not limited to, rice cookers, toasters, toaster ovens, slow cookers, popcorn poppers, air fryers, and instant pots may only be used in apartment kitchens, Tepeyac & Tacuba kitchenettes or community kitchens.

Mini fridges, space heaters, barbeques, portable stoves, hot plates, portable air conditioners, and electric water coolers are prohibited in all on-campus residential communities.

Open Flames: Candles, incense, wax melters/warmers, and butane torches are prohibited in residential communities. The burning of any materials, including incense or candles is prohibited except when prior written approval has been obtained from the Executive Director of Housing Administration or the Executive Director of Residential Education for the purpose of religious or spiritual observance only.

Smoking: San Diego State University is a smoke-free campus. Smoking of any kind, including electronic cigarettes, hookahs and water pipes, is prohibited on campus property. Smoking is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying a lighted or vapor-producing tobacco product. The San Diego State University smoking policy may be found at <https://smokefree.sdsu.edu/policy>.

Procedures for Evacuations

- Community front desk staff, if not in immediate danger, will read the fire alarm panel and determine the location of the alarm. If there is a fire or other risk at or near the front desk, the staff will exit the building immediately.
- University Police will be contacted and informed that the alarm went off and the location of the alarm.
- If it is determined that there is a fire, University Police will dispatch the Fire Department. A staff member, if available, will meet the University Police officer and assist as needed.
- University Police will be notified of the location of residents with disabilities or any resident needing assistance.
- Residence hall staff will inform the Residence Hall Coordinator (RHC) of the location of the alarm and/or fire. If the RHC is not in the building or it is after hours, the RHC on Duty will be contacted.
- All residence hall staff will assist, as needed, in evacuating the residents from the building to the designated evacuation assembly location.
- The Fire Department and/or University Police will access the fire panels and assess the status of the emergency.
- When determined safe, University Police will allow residents to return to the building.
- Residence hall staff will assist in the resident re-entry process.
- If residents become aware of a fire and the audible alarm has not been activated, they are to immediately activate the closest pull station and dial 911 or report the source of the fire to the front desk or to University Police. The process outlined above will then be enacted.

Fire Safety Education and Training Programs

1. Fire safety training for professional and student staff is conducted annually. This training includes:
 - Response protocols including notification procedures.
 - Evacuation procedures for each individual community.
 - Fire system descriptions for each individual community.
 - Documentation of incidents.
2. Residential student training:
 - Each community has a mandatory meeting on move-in day or during move-in week where residents are made aware of the evacuation procedures for their individual community.
 - Important safety information is included in a document entitled “*Your Guide to Community Living*”. A copy of the guidebook is placed in each room and is available on the housing website at: [Guide to Community Living](#).

Reporting Procedures

Once a fire has been extinguished, all instances of fires in on-campus residential communities are recorded on the internal Fire Alarm Report Form and reported to:

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Plans for Future Improvements in Fire Safety

The Office of Housing Administration and Residential Education Office will continue to collaborate with our campus safety partners including, but not limited to, the Emergency Services Department, University Police Department, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and the California Office of the State Fire Marshal. We will schedule fire drills at the beginning of the academic year and invite representatives from the Emergency Services Department and the University Police Department. These unannounced drills are timed and monitored for effectiveness. Following each drill, observed problems or unusual conditions are reported to the appropriate staff for follow-up. At this time there are no current plans for future improvements. Student residents, staff or others who have suggestions for improvements are encouraged to email their comments to oha@sdsu.edu.

Fire Statistics

| Campus Housing Facility Fire Statistics | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| On Campus Residential Communities | Calendar Year | Total Incidents | Cause of Fire | Number of Injuries | Number of Deaths | Value of Property Damage |
| Aztec Corner 5504, 5602, 5700 Montezuma Rd. | 2021 | 1 | Grease | 0 | 0 | \$50 |
| | 2022 | No Fire | - | - | - | - |
| | 2023 | 2 | Grease, Food on stove | 0 | 0 | \$553 |
| Chapultepec 5400 Remington Rd. | 2021 | 1 | Food in trash | 0 | 0 | \$260 |
| | 2022 | No Fire | - | - | - | - |
| | 2023 | No Fire | - | - | - | - |
| Cuicacalli Suites 5150 East Campus Dr. | 2021 | No Fire | - | - | - | - |
| | 2022 | No Fire | - | - | - | - |
| | 2023 | No Fire | - | - | - | - |
| Granada 5525 Hardy Ave. | 2021 | No Fire | - | - | - | - |
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| Huaxyacac 5410 55 th St. | 2021 2022 2023 | No Fire No Fire 1 | - - BBQ Grill | - - 0 | - - 0 | - - \$0 |
| Maya/Olmeca 6050 Lindo Paseo | 2021 2022 2023 | No Fire No Fire No Fire | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| M@College 5030 College Ave. | 2021 2022 2023 | No Fire No Fire No Fire | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| Metepec 5430 55th St. | 2021 2022 2023 | No Fire No Fire No Fire | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| Mixquic 5484 55th St. | 2021 2022 2023 | No Fire No Fire No Fire | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| Piedra del Sol 5600 Hardy Ave. | 2021 2022 2023 | 1 No Fire 1 | Rag on stove - Plastic in oven | 0 - 0 | 0 - 0 | \$0 - \$633 |
| South Campus Plaza-North 5140 College Ave. | 2021 2022 2023 | No Fire No Fire No Fire | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
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| Tenochca 6126 Montezuma Rd. | 2021 2022 2023 | No Fire No Fire No Fire | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| Toltec 5460 55th St. | 2021 2022 2023 | 1 No Fire No Fire | Food left on stove - - | 0 - - | 0 - - | \$0 - - |

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| Viva 5750 Montezuma Rd. | 2023 | No Fire | – | – | – | – |
| Zacatepec 5485 55th St. | 2021 2022 2023 | No Fire No Fire No Fire | – – – | – – – | – – – | – – – |
| Zapotec 5450 55th St. | 2021 2022 2023 | No Fire No Fire No Fire | – – – | – – – | – – – | – – – |
| Zura 6124 Montezuma Rd. | 2021 2022 2023 | No Fire No Fire No Fire | – – – | – – – | – – – | – – – |