

# American University Annual Fire Report

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## OVERVIEW OF THE HEOA FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

American University is required to comply with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) provisions regarding fire safety. The HEOA of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-315), signed into law on August 14, 2008, amends the Higher Education Act of 1965. The act is codified within 20 USC § 1092 (i) and published as 34 CFR 668.49, Institutional Fire Safety Policies and Fire Statistics.

For more information about the act, please see [www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-110publ315/pdf/PLAW-110publ315.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-110publ315/pdf/PLAW-110publ315.pdf)

In accordance with the HEOA fire safety provisions, this report provides the fire safety provisions and fire statistics for the calendar years 2017-2020.

The HEOA is enforced by the United States Department of Education; institutions that fail to comply with the Act are subject to fines up to \$57,317 per violation (34 CFR § 668.84).

The act has three fire safety policy and fire statistics requirements, which mandate the following for Title IV institutions:

- Maintain a fire log
- Report fire statistics to the Secretary of Education
- Publish an annual fire safety report

All three provisions pertain only to fire statistics, record keeping, and fire safety procedures for on-campus student housing facilities. For purposes of HEOA fire safety provisions, an on-campus student housing facility is defined as “any student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the institution, or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution, and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus.” The fire log must include the date the fire was reported and the date, time, general location, and nature of all fires in on-campus student housing facilities. All fire data must be recorded in the log within two business days of the fire’s occurrence. AU’s HEOA-compliant fire log is maintained by the American University Police Department (AUPD). A paper copy of the log is available, upon request, at the AUPD office in the Don Meyers Technology Innovation Building as well as online at

<https://www.american.edu/police/>

On-campus student housing facilities and all other campus buildings are also subject to building fire safety code as promulgated by the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DCFEMS).

The University’s Annual Fire Safety Report is produced by the American University Office of Risk, Safety and Transportation Programs (RSTP) in conjunction with the AUPD.

## NOTICE, AVAILABILITY, AND LOCATION OF THE ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT

The AUPD in collaboration with the Office of Risk, Safety and Transportation Programs (RSTP) publishes the Annual Fire Safety Report and posts a copy on American University’s website by October 1 of each year. The HEOA requires that all enrolled students and current employees receive either the Annual Fire Safety Report in its entirety or receive notice of the report’s availability and location. We notify all students, staff, and faculty of the report via email and through the AUPD website. This report is available for download on

the AUPD website at:

<https://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/upload/au-annual-fire-report.pdf>

The HEOA requires that the Annual Fire Safety Report is made available to prospective students and employees. All current or prospective faculty, staff, and students can obtain a paper copy by calling 202-885-2527, visiting AUPD on campus, emailing [clerycompliance@american.edu](mailto:clerycompliance@american.edu), or writing to:

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American University must also comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act). In accordance with the Clery Act, each year AU prepares the Annual Security Report. This report contains statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings, on property owned or controlled by American University, and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. This report contains institutional policies regarding campus security, such as sexual assault and other matters. Additionally, this report provides details about safety programs and resources provided to the AU community. You may access the report at <https://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/upload/au-annual-security-report.pdf>. A paper copy is also available upon request by calling AUPD at (202) 885-2527, emailing [clerycompliance@american.edu](mailto:clerycompliance@american.edu), or writing to or writing to:

### **ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT REQUEST**

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### **RESIDENCE HALL FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS**

In calendar year 2020, American University owned and operated 13 residence halls on main campus. All residence halls link to an automated smoke detection and fire alarm system. Upon activation, the automated system communicates to AUPD through a monitor that indicates the building, specific area in the building, and specific device that has been activated. The automated system monitors the residence halls for fire and smoke 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Each hall is equipped with a full sprinkler system. Each resident's room is equipped with a centrally located smoke detector. Smoke detectors are battery operated, with preventative maintenance scheduled semiannually. Kitchen areas in the residence halls are equipped with heat detectors. Table 1 presents the fire safety systems for each residence hall.

Building-wide fire alarm systems consist of smoke detectors, pull stations, horns or bells, and strobes. Activation of a building-wide system produces both audible and visual signals to indicate fire alarms. Individual smoke detectors in the residence rooms produce audible signals localized to the room.

All building fire alarm systems are tested annually. All sprinkler systems are tested quarterly, in addition to an annual inspection performed by American University's Facilities Management.

## MANDATORY, SUPERVISED FIRE DRILLS

Mandatory, supervised fire drills are conducted at least one time during both the spring and fall semesters for all residence halls. The number of 2020 fire drills for each of the residence halls is presented in Table 1. The fire drill tests the fire alarm and safety systems at all levels, including alarm transmission, AUPD response, and residence hall evacuation. Upon activation of the fire alarm, students are expected to evacuate and gather at a predetermined location. Staff members from Housing and Residence Life conduct a review of fire safety for the student body, while AUPD personnel conduct a sweep of the hall.

Risk, Safety and Transportation Programs personnel conducting the drill records details of each fire drill in a Residence Hall Fire Drill Assessment Report. Assessment reports are archived in the Risk, Safety, and Transportation Programs office at 3501 Nebraska Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.

**Table 1. Residence Hall Fire Safety Systems & Annual Fire Drills**

| Residential Facility  | Building-Wide Smoke Detection | Building-Wide Fire Alarm Monitoring System | Full Sprinkler System | Resident Room Smoke Detectors | Fire Extinguishers | Evacuation Plans and Placards | Number of Evacuation (fire) drills during calendar year 2020 |
|---|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Anderson Hall<br>(4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016)                   | Yes                           | Yes  | Yes                   | Yes                           | Yes                | Yes                           | 2  |
| Frequency Apartments <sup>1</sup><br>(4000 Brandywine Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016) | Yes                           | Yes  | No                    | Yes                           | Yes                | Yes                           | None   |
| Cassell Hall<br>(4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016)                    | Yes                           | Yes  | Yes                   | Yes                           | Yes                | Yes                           | 2  |
| Centennial Hall<br>(4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016)                 | Yes                           | Yes  | Yes                   | Yes                           | Yes                | Yes                           | 2  |
| Congressional Hall  | Yes                           | Yes  | Yes                   | Yes                           | Yes                | Yes                           | 2  |

<sup>1</sup> In 2020, the apartments directly controlled by the American University and the public areas (lobbies, hallways, elevators) located at the Frequency Apartments were considered an on-campus residential facility. This revision was due to revised guidance provided by the Department of Education in their newly revised 2020 Clery Act Appendix for FSA Handbook.

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|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| (3501 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016)                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |
| Constitution Hall (3501 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016)  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| Federal Hall (3501 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016)       | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| Hughes Hall (4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016)   | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| Leonard Hall (4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016)  | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| Letts Hall (4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016)    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| McDowell Hall (4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| Nebraska Hall (4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 2 |
| Roper Hall (4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016)    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1 |

**PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT HOUSING EVACUATION (IN CASE OF A FIRE ALARM)**

Fire evacuation procedures are available to the campus community on the Emergency Preparedness website: <https://www.american.edu/emergency/Emergency-Procedures.cfm>

All students, employees, and faculty are required to evacuate all university buildings immediately upon the sounding of a fire alarm. Once safely outside a building, they may call 911 and AUPD. If circumstances warrant relocation, students and employees are informed of where to go at the time of the alarm. Students, employees, and faculty are further restricted from entering a building during or following a fire alarm until receiving permission from a Housing and Residence Life or AUPD representative.

During fire drills, residence halls are swept by AU Police Officers or Housing and Residence Life staff to assist disabled students, verify evacuation, and inspect for fire safety violations. In the event of an actual fire, residence halls would be swept for complete evacuation and assistance would be given to disabled students by the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DCFEMS).

Students who choose to register with the Academic Support and Access Center (ASAC) and request accommodation for an impairment that may impact their ability to evacuate a building in an emergency are oriented to all procedures related to their safety in all university buildings, including residence halls and academic buildings, during an intake meeting with an academic counselor in the Academic Support and Access Center. Information about ASAC can be found at [www.american.edu/ocl/asac/](http://www.american.edu/ocl/asac/) or by calling 202-885-3360.

Housing and Residence Life staff provides information on emergency evacuation plans and shelter in place procedures in the residence hall during the opening floor meetings at the beginning of each semester.

The residence halls are scheduled for semiannual fire evacuation drills in the spring and fall semesters. Evacuation drills are coordinated by AUPD and Housing and Residence Life staff.

## **RESIDENCE HALL POLICIES ON FIRE PREVENTION**

### **Fire Safety Prohibitions**

Student responsibilities and prohibitions related to fire safety and prevention are detailed in the Student Conduct Code, published annually by the American University's Office of Campus Life. To obtain a copy of the code, please visit [www.american.edu/policies/](http://www.american.edu/policies/). American University students are prohibited from:

- Setting any fire within buildings or areas contiguous to the buildings
- Tampering with fire equipment
- Activating any fire alarm system under false pretenses or making fraudulent fire or emergency reports
- Disconnecting or tampering with any smoke detector device
- Running electrical wires beneath any rug or carpet
- Smoking outside of designated areas within University property, including without limitation to vehicles, buildings, parking lots, and garages (see <https://www.american.edu/policies/au-community/tobacco-and-smoke-free-policy.cfm>)

### **Portable Electronic Appliances, Smoking and Open Flames**

Pursuant to the Student Conduct Code, students are prohibited from having the following items in residence hall rooms, on carpeted areas, in hallways, or in other undesignated areas:

- Halogen lamps

- Appliances, including but not limited to, coffeemakers, popcorn poppers, microwave ovens, hot plates, or other electric water-heating devices
- Refrigerators drawing greater than a 7-amp current
- Any cooking device with an open flame or any open-flame devices, including candles, incense, and open burners
- Smoking in any residence hall

The combined wattage from all electrical devices in a resident's room must not exceed 850 watts.

## **POLICIES ON FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES**

Fire evacuation protocol and procedures training for residence hall directors and assistants is provided by the senior staff of Housing and Residence Life. Residence hall directors and assistants are also trained in evacuation procedures. In each housing facility, this training provides instruction on procedures to be followed in case of a fire and distribution of information on the university's fire safety policies. Following fire drills, students are also advised on these procedures by Housing and Residence Life staff. Introduction to the fire systems in each housing facility can be provided by Facilities Management.

If a fire occurs, students are instructed to leave hazardous areas per the posted evacuation routes and to proceed to the predetermined muster location before calling (202) 885-3636 for help. They are to remain in that location so that Housing and Residence Life staff can document that they have left the building. Resident Assistants are instructed to pull the fire alarm when exiting the building if able to do so without risking their safety.

No training is provided to students or employees in fire-fighting suppression activity, as this is inherently dangerous. Each community member's only duty is to exit safely and quickly, shutting doors along their exit path to contain the spread of flames and smoke; and activating the fire alarm. At no time should the closing of the doors or activation of the alarm delay exit from the building.

## **CONTACT NUMBER FOR REPORTING FIRES**

American University faculty, staff, and students are instructed to notify AUPD at (202) 885-3636 regarding all emergency situations including fires. The responding university police officer will determine if additional resources should be activated. The American University Police Department is staffed and support campus safety activities 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. If anyone finds evidence that a fire may have occurred, and the person is not sure whether AUPD has already responded, the person should immediately notify AUPD to investigate and document the incident.

Per federal law, American University is required to annually disclose statistical data on all fires that occur in on-campus student housing facilities. **To report fires in on-campus housing that have already been extinguished, or if you are unsure if the American University Police Department has been notified please call (202) 885-3636.**



## American University Residence Hall Fire Statistics for Reporting Year 2020

| Residential Facility   | Total Fires in Building | Fire Number | Cause of Fire | Value of Property Damage caused by Fire | Number of Injuries That Required Treatment at a Medical Facility | Number of Deaths Related to a Fire |
|--|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Anderson Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC 20016   | 0                       | 0           | N/A           | N/A                                     | N/A  | N/A                                |
| Frequency Apartments <sup>2</sup><br>4000 Brandywine Street, NW,<br>Washington, DC 20016                                 | 0                       | 0           | N/A           | N/A                                     | N/A  | N/A                                |
| Cassell Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC 20016  | 0                       | 0           | N/A           | N/A                                     | N/A  | N/A                                |
| Centennial Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC 20016   | 0                       | 0           | N/A           | N/A                                     | N/A  | N/A                                |
| Clark Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC 20016  | 0                       | 0           | N/A           | N/A                                     | N/A  | N/A                                |
| Duber Hall<br>3501 Nebraska Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC 20016<br>(Congressional Hall was renamed<br>Duber Hall in 2020) | 0                       | 0           | N/A           | N/A                                     | N/A  | N/A                                |
| Constitution Hall<br>3501 Nebraska Avenue NW,  | 0                       | 0           | N/A           | N/A                                     | N/A  | N/A                                |

<sup>2</sup> In 2020, the apartments directly controlled by the American University and the public areas (lobbies, hallways, elevators) located at the Frequency Apartments were considered an on-campus residential facility. This revision was due to revised guidance provided by the Department of Education in their newly 2020 Clery Act Appendix for FSA Handbook.

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| Washington, DC<br>20016  |   |   |     |     |     |     |
| Federal Hall<br>3501 Nebraska<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016       | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Hughes Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016   | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Leonard Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016  | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Letts Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016    | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| McDowell Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016 | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Nebraska Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016 | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Roper Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016    | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

### American University Residence Hall Fire Statistics for Reporting Year 2019<sup>1</sup>

| Residential Facility  | Total Fires<br>in Building | Fire<br>Number | Cause of Fire | Value of Property<br>Damage Caused<br>by Fire | Number of Injuries That<br>Required Treatment at a<br>Medical Facility | Number of<br>Deaths<br>Related to a<br>Fire |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|---|--|---|
| Anderson Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC | 0                          | 0              | N/A           | N/A   | N/A  | N/A   |

|   |   |   |  |        |     |     |
|---|---|---|--|--------|-----|-----|
| 20016   |   |   |  |        |     |     |
| Frequency Apartments <sup>3</sup><br>4000 Brandywine Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016                                 | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A    | N/A | N/A |
| Cassell Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016  | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A    | N/A | N/A |
| Centennial Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016   | 1 | 1 | Accidental- Notebook caught fire from candle | \$5.00 | 0   | 0   |
| Congressional Hall<br>3501 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016   | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A    | N/A | N/A |
| Constitution Hall<br>3501 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016<br>(Opened at new location at Main Campus in 2017) | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A    | N/A | N/A |
| Federal Hall<br>3501 Nebraska Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016<br>(Opened at new location at Main Campus in 2017)      | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A    | N/A | N/A |
| Hughes Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016   | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A    | N/A | N/A |

<sup>3</sup> In 2019, the apartments directly controlled by the American University and the public areas (lobbies, hallways, elevators) located at the Frequency Apartments were considered an on-campus residential facility. This revision was due to revised guidance provided by the Department of Education in their newly revised 2020 Clery Act Appendix for FSA Handbook.

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| Leonard Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016  | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Letts Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016    | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| McDowell Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016 | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Nebraska Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016 | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Roper Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016    | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

### American University Residence Hall Fire Statistics for Reporting Year 2018

| Residential Facility  | Total Fires<br>in Building | Fire<br>Number | Cause of Fire                              | Value of<br>Property Damage<br>caused by Fire | Number of Injuries<br>That Required<br>Treatment at a<br>Medical Facility | Number of<br>Deaths Related<br>to a Fire |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|--|---|---|--|
| Anderson Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016                        | 0                          | 0              | N/A  | N/A   | N/A   | N/A                                      |
| Berkshire<br>Apartments <sup>4</sup><br>4201 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016 | 1                          | 1              | Undetermined – Eighth<br>Floor Trash Chute | \$0-99  | 0   | 0  |

<sup>4</sup> In 2018, the apartments directly controlled by the American University and the public areas (lobbies, hallways, elevators) located at the Berkshire Apartments were considered an on-campus residential facility. This revision was due to revised guidance provided by the Department of Education in their newly revised 2020 Clery Act Appendix for FSA Handbook.

|   |   |   |  |     |     |     |
|---|---|---|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Cassell Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016   | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Centennial Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016  | 1 | 1 | Unintentional- Electrical –<br>Seventh Floor Elevator<br>Shaft | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Clark Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016   | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Congressional Hall<br>3501 Nebraska<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016  | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Constitution Hall<br>3501 Nebraska<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016   | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Federal Hall<br>3501 Nebraska<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016<br>(Opened at new<br>location at Main<br>Campus in 2017) | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Hughes Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016  | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Leonard Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016   | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Letts Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016   | 0 | 0 | N/A  | N/A | N/A | N/A |

|  |   |   |     |     |     |     |
|--|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| McDowell Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016 | 0 | 0 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Nebraska Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016 | 0 | 0 | N/A | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Roper Hall<br>4400 Massachusetts<br>Avenue NW,<br>Washington, DC<br>20016    | 0 | 0 | N/A | 0   | 0   | 0   |

## **FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN FIRE SAFETY**

In 2020, American University’s Police Department, Office of Risk, Safety and Transportation Programs, and Housing and Residence Life will review fire safety procedures, training, and policies. Changes to current practice are instituted as deemed necessary to improve the safety of American University’s students and employees.

American University strives to provide a safe and fulfilling residence life program on our campuses. The Office of Risk, Safety, and Transportation Programs is committed to promoting fire safety in all American University buildings.

## DEFINITIONS

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Fire                     | Any instance of open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.  |
| Fire Drill               | A supervised practice of mandatory evacuation of a building for a fire.   |
| Fire-Related Injury      | Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause, while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire. The term “person” may include students, employees, visitors, firefighters or any other individuals.   |
| Fire-Related Death       | Any instance in which a person (i) is killed as a result of a fire, including death resulting from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of a fire; or (ii) dies within one year of injuries sustained as a result of the fire.   |
| Fire-Safety System       | Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire, or the control of a fire. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sprinkler systems or other fire-extinguishing systems</li> <li>• Fire-detection devices</li> <li>• Stand-alone smoke alarms</li> <li>• Devices that alert one to the presence of a fire, such as horns, bells, or strobe lights</li> <li>• Smoke control and reduction mechanisms</li> <li>• Fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of a fire</li> </ul> |
| Title IV Institution     | A postsecondary educational institution that has entered into a formal agreement with the Secretary of Education, allowing the institution to participate in Title IV federal student aid programs.   |
| Value of Property Damage | The estimated value of the loss of the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quantity. This estimate should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contents damaged by fire</li> <li>• Related damages caused by smoke, water, and overhaul, not including indirect loss such as business interruption.</li> </ul>  |

## AMERICAN UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALL ADDRESSES

- 1) Main Campus – 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington D.C. 20016
  - Anderson Hall
  - Cassell Hall
  - Centennial Hall
  - Duber<sup>5</sup>
  - Constitution<sup>6</sup>
  - Federal<sup>7</sup>
  - Hughes Hall
  - Leonard Hall
  - Letts Hall
  - McDowell Hall
  - Nebraska Hall
  - Roper Hall
- 2) AU controlled apartments located at the Frequency Apartments – 4000 Brandywine Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20016 (For the purposes of Compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act, this is counted as an on-campus residence hall located at 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20016).
- 3) As of 2019, American University no longer controls apartments at the Berkshire Apartments, but instead now controls apartments at the Frequency Apartments located at 4000 Brandywine Street NW Washington, D.C. 20016. These apartments will count as on campus residential housing for 2019 statistics for the upcoming Annual Fire Safety and Annual Security Report.

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