# Northern Illinois University 2022 Annual Fire Safety Report For the 2021-2022 academic year, containing fire statistics for 2019, 2020, 2021

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### Introduction

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) became public law 110-315 in August 2008, requiring all institutions of higher education that provide on-campus student housing facilities to develop an annual fire safety report. Contents of this report reflect the requirements outlined in HEOA and include fire prevention policies and practices, fire safety educational programs, description of fire safety systems in on-campus student housing facilities, emergency evacuation procedures, fire safety statistics and proposed plans for future improvements to the on-campus student housing fire safety program.

This public disclosure is intended to inform current and prospective students and employees of the fire safety program and the institution’s state of readiness to detect and respond appropriately to fire-related emergencies in on-campus student housing facilities. The [Annual Fire Safety Report (AFSR](https://www.niu.edu/clery/fire_report.pdf)) and associated Fire Log are available online or by contacting the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) at [ehs@niu.edu](mailto:ehs@niu.edu). A hard copy is also available by visiting the EH&S Department which is located in the Dorland Building at 180 West Stadium Drive in DeKalb, Illinois.

The [Clery Act 2022 Annual Security Report](https://safety.niu.edu/clery/annual_security_report.pdf) (ASR) may also be viewed online. The ASR report includes statistics for the previous three (3) calendar years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Northern Illinois University (NIU) and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The ASR also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning sexual assault and other matters.

### Objectives

Northern Illinois University is committed to protecting the health and safety of the NIU community (i.e., students, staff, faculty, guests, etc.) as well as the environment. This is achieved through interdisciplinary collaboration and shared governance to ensure appropriate compliance with applicable fire safety statutory requirements which is a shared responsibility among the NIU community. Therefore, it is essential that members of the NIU community take an active role in this shared vision by initiating appropriate measures to ensure compliance and promote fire prevention associated with activities/operations under their direction. Such measures may include the following:

* Take steps to minimize (and eliminate where possible) foreseeable fire hazards.
* Comply with applicable fire safety rules and regulations.
* Complete fire safety training (if required).
* Maintain personal accountability for engaging in safe behaviors and practices in the interest of fire prevention.
* Report fires, fire hazards and potential violations.
* Recommend improvements to support the university fire safety program.
* Be prepared for emergencies that may occur on campus.
* Require those who do business with NIU to perform their work in a manner that protects the university from foreseeable fire hazards.

### Definition of Terms

* **Cause of fire:** The factor or factors that give rise to a fire. The causal factor may be, but is not limited to, the result of an intentional or unintentional action, mechanical failure or act of nature.
* **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 a 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, faculty, staff, visitors, firefighters or any other individuals.
* **Fire-related death:** Any instance in which a person (1) 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 (2) dies within one year of injuries sustained as a result of a 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 sprinkler systems or other fire extinguishing systems; fire detection devices; stand-alone smoke alarms; devices that alert one to the presence of a fire, such as horns, bells or strobe lights; smoke-control and reduction mechanisms; and fire doors and walls that reduce the spread of a fire.
* **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 contents damaged by fire and related damages caused by smoke, water and overhaul; however, it does not include indirect loss, such as business interruption.

### Fire Prevention Policies and Guidelines

Applicable campus policies and guidance documents noted below as well as other applicable college and university fire safety guidelines were referenced in the development and periodic update of the AFSR:

* [NIU Health and Safety Policy](https://www.niu.edu/policies/_pdf/niu-health-and-safety-policy.pdf).
* [Housing Handbook](https://www.niu.edu/housing/halls/handbook/).
* [NIU Emergency Response Guide](https://www.niu.edu/emergency-response-guide/).
* [Fire Prevention Program](https://www.niu.edu/policies/_pdf/fire-prevention-program.pdf).

Housing and Residential Services, Police and Public Safety and the EH&S Department periodically review these policies and guidelines and revise them as necessary to fit the needs of the operations therein. Applicable excerpts are listed below:

### Holiday Decorations

Decorating the interior of on-campus student housing facilities is allowed provided such decorations are installed in a manner consistent with the following requirements:

* Decorations are prohibited in the stairwells as well as both sides of the stairwell doors.
* Wall decorations and general postings in corridors shall not be concentrated to one specific area. They shall be spread out covering no more than twenty percent of the surface and not be any closer than 24 inches from the ceiling in all areas.
* Decorations shall not obstruct or otherwise impede emergency evacuation plans posted on the inside of each student room door. Decorations shall also not conceal room numbers or stairwell identification signage. This information needs to be visible and readily identifiable for first responders.
* Decorative displays shall be compact. Garlands, streamers or displays that extend down a corridor shall not be used because of their potential to spread fire, increase the fuel load and impede egress. Displays shall be limited to offices, lobbies and common areas.
* All decorations and ornaments must be of fire-resistant or non-combustible material, listed by Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) and approved for use.
* The use of live Christmas trees, wreathes, boughs or other decorations constructed from the branches of natural trees is prohibited. Decorative materials including artificial snow, decorative sprays, ceiling/wall tapestries, cotton cobwebs, bales of hay and other highly flammable materials is also prohibited.
* Artificial trees made of fire-retardant materials or non-combustible materials labeled with UL or FM approval ratings are allowed. Metallic trees may create electrical hazards when placed close to the electrical supply; therefore, the use of electric lights on metallic trees is prohibited.
* Artificial trees and other decorations must be located so as not to obstruct exit corridors or the operation of fire safety systems. Trees shall also not be placed in any manner that could present a fall or trip hazard, impede egress or block emergency egress from any room.
* Electric light strings shall be UL or FM approved and labeled accordingly. These lights shall be checked for fraying, bare wires, loose connections and cracked plastic parts. Use of miniature electric lights is encouraged since they are both cooler and more energy efficient than regular size lighting. Electric lights or electrically operated ornaments shall not be used on metal, aluminum, or any other similar metal, which could induce an electric shock. Light strings shall not be placed in any manner that could present a fall or trip hazard, impede egress, block emergency egress from any room or restrict access to fire safety systems. Light strings shall not be routed through doorways, under rugs or loose carpeting or
* across walkways.
* Extension cords are prohibited except for the university-issued heavy-duty extension cord assigned to support the university-issued microwave/refrigerator/freezer.
* “Daisy chaining” surge protectors is prohibited.
* Multi-plug adapters are prohibited. Use surge protectors with a fuse or integral circuit breaker when extra outlets are needed.
* All holiday decorations shall be removed before leaving campus for the holidays and at the end of each semester.

### Open Flame Devices

The use of open flame devices can substantially increase the risk of a fire resulting in serious consequences when not used appropriately. Therefore, open flame devices are strictly prohibited in on-campus student housing facilities. Such devices include, but are not limited to candles, incense burners, potpourri pots, scented oil/wax warmers, tiki torches, Sterno pots, Bunsen burners, fireworks or any other portable flame-producing device. Candles can be displayed in menorahs and other religious articles but may not be used and should remain unlit with the wicks removed. Battery operated candles listed by UL or FM serve as an acceptable substitute.

### Portable Electrical Equipment and Appliances

Due to the current residential room electrical configuration, no more than eight (8) amps can be used per electrical outlet in a student room.

* Acceptable appliances (UL approved) include computers, gaming systems, TVs, CD players, DVD players, stereos, razors, fans, etc. Some hairdryers/curling irons/flat irons may require additional power and need to be used in the public area bathrooms rather than individual resident rooms to avoid tripping circuit breakers.
* Use surge protectors for all electronics, particularly computers, gaming systems, televisions, DVD players, stereo equipment and clock radios. Lightweight extension cords and multiple outlets plugs without surge protectors create a safety hazard and are prohibited.
* Personal routers and/or wireless access points are prohibited.
* Open-ended heating elements and electrical appliances, such as hot plates, hot pots, electric or contact grills and unauthorized space heaters are prohibited.
* Electrical appliances with an enclosed heating element (i.e., popcorn makers and coffee pots) shall only be used under continual supervision.
* Every room is furnished with a microwave/refrigerator/freezer appliance. Other microwave ovens and refrigerators are prohibited.
* University-issued microwaves shall be used under continual supervision.
* Personal air conditioners are prohibited.

### Prohibited Items

Items that create danger to persons, damage to university property, a fire/safety hazard and/or a public nuisance must not be used, possessed, or stored in on-campus student housing facilities (including student rooms). These include:

* Internal combustion engines, acids, automobile batteries, gasoline, torches, lava lamps, halogen desk lamps and multi-headed lamps.
* Charcoal and other fire starter materials. Residents may store grills in their rooms but may not use them indoors. The storage of combustible lighting fluids in student rooms is prohibited. Barbecue grills must be located at least 100 feet from any campus building when in use.
* The use or possession of hover boards, or any self-balancing transportation device, is not allowed in on-campus student housing facilities.

### Tampering of Fire Safety Systems

Residents are strictly prohibited from tampering with fire safety systems including:

* Disconnecting, covering, or otherwise tampering with a smoke/detector, failure to report a malfunctioning device or other related negligence subjects residents to student conduct charges, civil charges and, in the event of fire, payment for related damages to the building and the property of others. (Residents are encouraged to test their smoke detectors each month by pushing the button on the smoke detector and/or seeking guidance from the community advisor.)
* Activating fire alarm pull stations with malicious intent.
* Discharging fire extinguishers with malicious intent.
* Hanging objects from or otherwise obstructing smoke detectors, sprinkler heads and associated piping.
* Removing sprinkler head cover plates.

Tampering with fire safety systems subjects the violator to a $50 fine, university disciplinary action and additional charges for any resulting repairs and/or cleaning including a $100 charge if city fire trucks are

called unnecessarily.

### Regularly Scheduled Fire Safety Inspections

Staff from Housing and Residential Services, Physical Plant and the EH&S Department may enter student rooms to conduct scheduled safety inspections. During these inspections, staff evaluate the operation of fire safety systems, (i.e. smoke detectors, sprinkler heads, fire alarm devices, etc.) and may also observe safety hazards including:

* Non-approved extension cords.
* Non-UL listed equipment.
* Surge protectors or multiple outlets without circuit breakers.
* Daisy-chained power strips.
* Improperly installed microwave/refrigerator/freezer units.
* Unapproved electrical appliances.
* Use of non-metal trash cans.
* Decorations inconsistent with fire safety guidelines.
* Clearly observable room damage.
* Unauthorized furnishings.
* Obvious violations of university policy.
* Candles with burned wicks.
* Tampering with fire safety systems.

Housing and Residential Services staff will assist students in removing identified fire hazards in accordance with the Housing Handbook and applicable student conduct policies.

### On-campus Student Housing Smoking Policy

Smoking is prohibited on campus including all on-campus student housing facilities in accordance with the [NIU Smoke Free Campus Policy](https://www.niu.edu/drug-free/).

### Rental and Property Insurance

To provide peace of mind for students and their families, students are encouraged to carry personal property insurance, as Housing and Residential Services and NIU are not responsible for damage to student’s property. Students and their families are strongly encouraged to review their homeowners’ policy and consult with an insurance agent as needed to determine whether purchasing rental insurance to protect their possessions is appropriate.

### Fire Safety Education Programs

Staff from Housing and Residential Services in collaboration with the EH&S Department provides fire safety educational programs for students assigned as Community Advisors each year. Additional educational programming is also available to students upon request. Topics and exercises (depending upon time and available resources) may include:

* Fire prevention policies and guidelines listed therein.
* Internal fire alarm response procedures.
* Clery fire reporting requirements.
* Basic description of various types of fire safety systems.
* Emergency evacuation procedures and associated exercise.
* Fire extinguisher training exercise.
* Mock residence hall room inspection exercise.

Assigned staff also review and discuss internal fire alarm response procedures to ensure staff are prepared to respond to fire emergencies in accordance with respective emergency operations plans.

### Fire Safety Systems in On-campus Student Housing Facilities

#### DeKalb Campus

The following tables provide a summary of the fire safety systems contained in each on-campus student housing facility at the DeKalb campus.

**Fire Safety Systems at DeKalb Campus**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Housing Facility with Street Address | Fire Alarm Monitoring On-Site by NIU Police | Sprinkler Systems | Smoke Detection | Fire Extinguishers | Emergency Evacuation Plans | Number of Fire Drills per Previous Calendar Year |
| Gilbert Hall 383 Gilbert Drive | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| Grant North (C and D Towers) 1250 Grant Drive North | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| Neptune North  750 Lucinda Avenue 1 | X | X | X | X | X | 0 |
| Neptune East 740 Lucinda Avenue | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| Neptune West 800 Lucinda Avenue | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| New Residence Hall East 501 N. Annie Glidden Road | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| New Residence Hall West 1175 Lincoln Drive North | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 2) 2 Northern View Circle | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 3) 3 Northern View Circle | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 4) 4 Northern View Circle | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 5) 5 Northern View Circle | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 6) 6 Northern View Circle | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| Stevenson North (C and D Towers) 1350 Stevenson Drive North | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |
| Stevenson South (A and B Towers) 420 Stadium Drive West | X | X | X | X | X | 2 |

1 Neptune North was vacant during the 2021-2022 academic calendar year.

Fire safety systems that serve to detect, warn, or control a fire in addition to the systems listed in the table above include:

* Kitchen hoods are protected by special hazard UL-listed wet chemical suppression systems in the connected dining facilities. These systems are monitored by the building fire alarm system.
* Dry standpipes are located in each stairwell at Stevenson Towers (A, B, C and D Towers) and Grant C and D Towers.
* Emergency alert systems.
* Fire pumps in Stevenson Towers, Grant C and D Towers and the New Residence Hall East and West.
* Elevators, magnetically propped open fire-rated door assemblies and air handling units, are integrated with the fire alarm system.
* Stairwell doors in Stevenson Towers and Grant C and D Towers are integrated with the fire alarm system to automatically unlock and self-close upon activation of the fire alarm system.
* Fire-rated door assemblies include, but are not limited to student rooms, stairwells, laundry rooms, custodial closets, mechanical rooms, electrical vaults and storage rooms.

#### Lorado-Taft Campus

The Lorado-Taft Field Campus located in Oregon, Illinois provides resident outdoor education programs to elementary and middle-school students on weekdays and serves as a conference center on the weekends. Participants (both students and adults) may reside in any one of the three on-campus student housing facilities (Heckman, Grover and Clarkson) for up to five days/four nights at a time.

The following tables provide a summary of the fire safety systems contained in each on-campus student housing facility at the Lorado-Taft campus.

**Fire Safety Systems at Lorado Taft Campus (Oregon, IL)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Housing Facility with Street Address | Fire Alarm Monitoring On-Site by NIU Police | Sprinkler Systems | Smoke Detection | Fire Extinguishers | Emergency Evacuation Plans | Number of Fire Drills per Previous Calendar Year |
| Heckman | X | N/A | X | X | X | 0 |
| Grover | X | N/A | X | X | X | 0 |
| Clarkson | X | N/A | X | X | X | 0 |

Notes: The address for the Lorado Taft Field Campus is 1414 North River Road, Oregon, IL Clarkson, Grover and Heckman do not have individual street addresses.

The fire alarm panel located in the main office of Clarkson monitors and receives fire alarm signals from all three on-campus student housing facilities. This panel is monitored on a continual basis by the NIU Public Safety Dispatch Center at the DeKalb campus.

Fire-rated door assemblies include, but are not limited to dormer rooms, stairwells, custodial closets, mechanical rooms, electrical vaults and storage rooms.

### Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Fire Safety Systems

The EH&S Department administers the inspection, testing and maintenance of the fire safety systems (e.g., sprinkler systems, standpipe systems, fire pumps, fire extinguishers and special hazard fire suppression systems) in on-campus student housing facilities in accordance with applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Licensed and/or qualified fire protection contractors inspect, test and maintain fire suppression systems in on-campus student housing facilities at both the DeKalb and Lorado-Taft Field campuses.

The Physical Plant Electrical Shop administers all aspects of the campus fire alarm program in accordance with applicable NFPA standards. Trained and qualified electricians service, install, inspect, test and maintain fire alarm systems in on-campus student housing facilities at both the DeKalb and Lorado-Taft campuses.

### Emergency Evacuation Protocol

#### DeKalb Campus

All residents are expected to evacuate the building any time the fire alarm sounds, including during drills. Failure to evacuate the building during a fire alarm may result in disciplinary action.

Planned fire drills are conducted at least once per year at the DeKalb campus and participation is mandatory. The purpose of evacuation drills is to prepare building occupants to safely evacuate the building in the event of a fire related emergency. Evacuation drills are monitored by Police and Public Safety, EH&S Department and Housing and Residential Services to evaluate egress and behavioral patterns.

Upon activation of a fire alarm, designated Housing and Residential Services staff initiates the fire alarm response procedure while Police and Public Safety Dispatch contacts the DeKalb Fire Department. Designated staff meet with first responders at the fire alarm panel in the building lobby to identify the location of the activated fire alarm device. If a fire is discovered upon further investigation, designated staff activate the nearest fire alarm pull station to initiate a building evacuation. During evacuation, staff knock on student doors on each floor and assist in clearing the building if it is safe to do so. First responders initiate firefighting, emergency medical assistance and crowd control procedures as needed. Students are directed to remain at designated assembly points until the “all clear” is given by first responders.

After every fire alarm activation, the hall director on duty is responsible for promptly submitting a Maxient report to Housing and Residential Services, Physical Plant and the EH&S Department. Upon receipt, the EH&S Department reviews and records reported fires in the Fire Log in accordance with HEOA protocols.

Housing and Residential Services staff are also responsible for notifying the EH&S Department of fire conditions (i.e. discharged extinguisher, etc.) that may not activate the fire alarm. Follow-up investigation is required to determine root cause and whether the condition meets the definition of a “fire” as noted in the “Definition of Terms” section and subsequent recording purposes.

#### Lorado-Taft Campus

Upon receipt of a general fire alarm during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), NIU Police and Public Safety Dispatch contacts Ogle County Emergency Services to report a possible fire condition at the Lorado-Taft Field Campus. NIU Police and Public Safety Dispatch also contacts the main office at the Lorado-Taft Field Campus to confirm that trained staff on-site have initiated an investigation to evaluate the status of the fire alarm activation. Should trained staff determine a fire condition exists, they will initiate evacuation procedures.

Upon receipt of a general fire alarm afterhours NIU Police and Public Safety Dispatch contacts Ogle County Emergency Services to report a possible fire condition at the Lorado-Taft Field Campus. NIU Police and Public Safety Dispatch will also contact the Lorado-Taft Manager-On-Duty and/or the Campus Director. The Lorado-Taft Manager-On-Duty and/or the Campus Director will initiate an investigation to evaluate the status of the fire alarm activation. Should the Lorado-Taft Manager-On-Duty and/or the Campus Director determine a fire condition exists, they will initiate evacuation procedures. Occupants are not allowed to re-enter until given the “All Clear” by first responders.

The Lorado-Taft Manager-On-Duty and/or the Campus Director is responsible for notifying the EH&S Department so the fire can be recorded in the fire log in accordance with HEOA protocols.

### General Emergency Evacuation Guidelines

#### What to do upon discovery of a fire:

**Rescue** or remove yourself and others in immediate danger or proximity to the emergency.

**Activate** the fire alarm by pulling a nearby fire alarm pull box or scream and shout for help. Once in a safe location call or have someone call 911.

**Contain** the fire or emergency by closing doors as you leave the area. No matter what the emergency, fire or other, closed doors will give additional time for escape or rescue by restricting movement of the fire or emergency through the area.

**Escape** or extinguish the fire if it is safe to do so.

#### Fire Response Do’s and Don’ts

* **DO** treat every fire alarm as an emergency. If the fire alarm sounds, exit the building immediately, closing doors behind you. During evacuation, remember to feel doors with the back of the hand before opening them to be sure that there is no fire danger on the other side.
* **DON’T** assume that a fire alarm is a drill or test. All building alarm systems are tested as required by law, but these tests are announced in advance.
* **DO** remain in the room with the door closed if heat or smoke is impeding safe egress from the building. Call 911 immediately and provide the dispatcher with the exact location and wait for further instructions. If smoke is entering around the door, stuff the openings with sheets, clothes, or blankets. If possible, open the window and wave a brightly colored garment or towel from the window to draw attention to first responders.
* **DON’T** waste time collecting personal valuables. Take the keys so that you can re-enter your room if exit from the building is not possible.
* **DON’T** use an elevator during a fire emergency; always use the stairwells.
* **DO** enter the designated “Area of Rescue Assistance” location if physically disabled and activate the call stations located therein to notify the first responders of your location. Remain in place and wait for
* further instructions.
* **DO** stay low (if entering a smoke-filled hallway), keeping one hand on the wall to avoid disorientation and crawl to the nearest exit, keeping your head near the floor.
* **DO** proceed to the designed “Assembly Area” once outside and wait for instructions from Housing and Residential staff. If able to do so, call 911 and provide the dispatcher with detailed information pertaining to the nature of the fire.
* **DO** call 911 to report all fires, even those which have been extinguished. Contact the EH&S Department to report all fires that meet the definition as listed in the “Definition of Terms” section.

#### If you must use a fire extinguisher, always activate the fire alarm pull station first to initiate the evacuation process. To operate a fire extinguisher, use the “PASS” technique:

* **Pull** the safety pin on the valve handle.
* **Aim** the nozzle at the base of the fire.
* **Squeeze** the top and bottom valve handle together.
* **Sweep** the nozzle side-to-side at the base of the fire.

#### Emergency Evacuation Assistance

NIU in partnership with the DeKalb Fire Department operates the Premise Alert Program at the DeKalb campus. Housing and Residential Services, Police and Public Safety and the DeKalb Fire Department collaborate to maintain a list of individuals who may need assistance during an emergency evacuation situation. The list is located inside the fire alarm panel behind the front desk at each on-campus student housing facility for immediate access by first responders. To participate in this program, students must complete and submit the [Premise Alert Program Form](https://www.niu.edu/housing/_pdf/halls/accessibility-premise-alert-form.pdf).

### Fire Safety Statistics

The data presented in the following tables summarize the reported fires that occurred in on-campus student housing facilities for the last three calendar years (2019, 2020 and 2021). Police and Public Safety and/or on-campus student housing facility staff notify the EH&S Department (via e-mail, Maxient reports or Fire Alarm Response Reports) of reported fires that occur in on-campus student housing facilities. The EH&S Department evaluates the reports and records in the Fire Log within two (2) days of occurrence. This process may also involve consultation with the Director of Clery Compliance as needed.

#### DeKalb Campus 2019

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Housing Facility with Street Address | Cause of Fire | Number of Injuries that Require Treatment at a Medical Facility | Number of Deaths Related to a Fire | Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire |
| Gilbert Hall 383 Gilbert Drive | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grant North (C and D Towers) 1250 Grant Drive North | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neptune North  750 Lucinda Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neptune East 740 Lucinda Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neptune West 800 Lucinda Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Residence Hall East 501 N. Annie Glidden Road | Unintentional — burnt food/ open fames in microwave. | 0 | 0 | $0-99 |
| New Residence Hall West 1175 Lincoln Drive North | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 2) 2 Northern View Circle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 3) 3 Northern View Circle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 4) 4 Northern View Circle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 5) 5 Northern View Circle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 6) 6 Northern View Circle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stevenson North (C and D Towers) 1350 Stevenson Drive North | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stevenson South (A and B Towers) 420 Stadium Drive West | Unintentional — trash can fire | 0 | 0 | $1,000-9,999 |

#### Lorado Taft Campus 2019

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Housing Facility with Street Address | Cause of Fire | Number of Injuries that Require Treatment at a Medical Facility | Number of Deaths Related to a Fire | Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire |
| Heckman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grover | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clarkson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Notes: The address for the Lorado Taft Campus is 1414 North River Road, Oregon, Illinois. Clarkson, Grover and Heckman do not have individual street addresses.

#### DeKalb Campus 2020

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Housing Facility with Street Address | Cause of Fire | Number of Injuries that Require Treatment at a Medical Facility | Number of Deaths Related to a Fire | Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire |
| Gilbert Hall 383 Gilbert Drive | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grant North (C and D Towers) 1250 Grant Drive North | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neptune North  750 Lucinda Avenue |  |  |  |  |
| Neptune East 740 Lucinda Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neptune West 800 Lucinda Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Residence Hall East 501 N. Annie Glidden Road | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Residence Hall West 1175 Lincoln Drive North | Unintentional electrical fire. | 0 | 0 | $0-99 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 2) 2 Northern View Circle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 3) 3 Northern View Circle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 4) 4 Northern View Circle | Unintentional cooking/burnt food | 0 | 0 | $0-99 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 5) 5 Northern View Circle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 6) 6 Northern View Circle | Unintentional cooking/burnt food  Unintentional cooking/burnt food | 0   0 | 0   0 | $0-99   $0-99 |
| Stevenson North (C and D Towers) 1350 Stevenson Drive North | Unintentional electrical fire | 0 | 0 | $0-99 |
| Stevenson South (A and B Towers) 420 Stadium Drive West | Intentional burning of paper | 0 | 0 | $1,000-9,999 |

#### Lorado Taft Campus 2020

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student Housing Facility with Street Address | Cause of Fire | Number of Injuries that Require Treatment at a Medical Facility | Number of Deaths Related to a Fire | Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire |
| Heckman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grover | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clarkson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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#### DeKalb Campus 2021

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| Student Housing Facility with Street Address | Cause of Fire | Number of Injuries that Require Treatment at a Medical Facility | Number of Deaths Related to a Fire | Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire |
| Gilbert Hall 383 Gilbert Drive | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grant North (C and D Towers) 1250 Grant Drive North | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neptune North  750 Lucinda Avenue |  |  |  |  |
| Neptune East 740 Lucinda Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Neptune West 800 Lucinda Avenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Residence Hall East 501 N. Annie Glidden Road | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Residence Hall West 1175 Lincoln Drive North | Intentional — lit paper on fire in bathroom. | 0 | 0 | $0-99 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 2) 2 Northern View Circle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 3) 3 Northern View Circle | Unintentional — stove fire while frying chicken. | 0 | 0 | $0-99 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 4) 4 Northern View Circle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 5) 5 Northern View Circle | Unintentional — candle/wax fire  Unintentional — oven fire/burnt food | 0  0 | 0  0 | $1,000-$9,999  $0-99 |
| Northern View Community (Bld 6) 6 Northern View Circle | Unintentional —cooking fire on stovetop | 0 | 0 | $0-99 |
| Stevenson North (C and D Towers) 1350 Stevenson Drive North | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stevenson South (A and B Towers) 420 Stadium Drive West | Unintentional — cooking/grease fire | 0 | 0 | $0-99 |

#### Lorado Taft Campus 2021

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| Student Housing Facility with Street Address | Cause of Fire | Number of Injuries that Require Treatment at a Medical Facility | Number of Deaths Related to a Fire | Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire |
| Heckman | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grover | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clarkson | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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### Future Improvements in On-Campus Student Housing Fire Safety Program

NIU continually looks for opportunities to improve and expand fire safety policies, procedures and educational programming for on-campus student housing facilities based upon available resources.

### Contact Information

To report an on-campus emergency, including all fires, please call 911.

To report an extinguished fire, please contact the EH&S Department at [ehs@niu.edu](mailto:ehs@niu.edu).

#### Additional Contact Information

Public Safety Non-emergency 815-753-1212

All policy statements in this AFSR apply to the DeKalb and Lorado Taft campuses unless otherwise stated in the report.