

## Fire Statistics

Housing Facility Name	2019 Fire Drills	2019 Fire	2020 Fire Drills	2020 Fires	2021 Fire Drills	2021 Fires	2022 Fire Drills	2022 Fires	2023 Drills	2023 Fires
Bear/ Patton Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
*Belmont Commons		0		0		0		0		0
*Bruin Hills		0		0		0		0		0
Caldwell Hall									1	0
Dickens Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hail Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Heron Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
*Hillside		0		0		0		1		
Horrell Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kennedy Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maddox Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pembroke Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Potter Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tall Hall					0	0	0	1	1	0
Thrailkill Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Russell Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wright Hall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

## Fire Log

Date Reported	Nature of Fire	Date of Fire	Time of Fire	Location
9/13/2022	Burned food in oven	9/13/2022	6:38pm	Hillside
10/27/2022	Burned food in oven	10/27/22	9:48pm	Tall Hall

\*Green shaded rows represent apartment complexes, where fire drills are not performed, due to individual apartments being alarmed separately.

\*\*Blue shaded areas represent dorms that were not built at the time of the drills.

To obtain a copy of the Daily Fire Log, contact the Office of Risk Management and Compliance at (615)460-6023 or [riskmanagement@belmont.edu](mailto:riskmanagement@belmont.edu).

For information on residence halls on campus, go to Residence Hall Building Information.

[http://www.belmont.edu/reslife/residential\\_communities](http://www.belmont.edu/reslife/residential_communities)

Per federal law, Belmont University is required to annually disclose statistical data on all fires that occur in on-campus student housing facilities. Listed below are the non-emergency numbers to call to report fires that have already been extinguished in on-campus student housing. These are fires for which you are unsure whether Belmont Campus Security may already be aware. If you find evidence of such a fire or if you hear about such a fire, please contact one of the following:

Belmont University Campus Security (615) 460-6617

Belmont University Residence Life (615) 460-5802

When calling, please provide as much information as possible about the location, date, time and cause of the fire.

## **Housing Facility Fire Safety Policies and Information**

### ***Electrical Appliances and Safety***

In order to ensure maximum health and safety standards in residential areas, several categories of electrical appliances have been established. Those categories are as follows:

- Prohibited Appliances (which may NOT be used or stored in residence halls) including but not limited to coffee makers, toasters, toaster ovens, convection ovens, electric skillet, waffle or crepe pans, crock pots, hot plates, hamburger makers, space heaters, electric blankets.
- Kitchen-only Appliances (which may be stored in rooms, but ONLY USED in kitchen facilities): oil popcorn poppers and George Foreman grills.
- Room Appliances (which may be used and stored in student rooms): musical instruments, hair dryers, fans, blenders, hot-air popcorn poppers, irons, and single cup coffee makers without an open heating surface.
- Lighting Regulations and Safety: The University does not permit the use of halogen lamps or any other light that produces excessive heat in the student residential areas. Overhead, or room, lights may not be covered with any material. Though neon lights are permitted within residential areas, they may not be placed in windows or be seen from the exterior of the building. LED and CFL lightbulbs are encouraged when possible.
- Refrigerators that meet university standards (4.0 cubic ft.) and are Energy Star rated are permitted.
- Microwaves (between 700-800 watts) are allowed in residential areas.
- The university reserves the right to remove and/or confiscate any appliance or device it deems unsafe or problematic to a facility's electrical system. All confiscated items will be held by the Residence Director until arrangements are made to return the item to the student, at which time it must be permanently removed from campus, such as a university break or holiday.

### ***Electrical Extensions***

In accordance with the direction of the fire marshal, the use or possession of 2-prong extension cords, multiple plugs, or multiple plug converters is prohibited within all the residential areas. The fire marshal has approved the use of Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) approved power strips with circuit breakers. In addition, 3-prong extension cords not longer than 12 feet in length are also permitted. Longer extension cords may be stored in residential rooms (e.g., as needed for musical equipment), but may not be in use. Please contact your Resident Assistant (RA) if you are unsure if your power strip or extension cord is permissible.

### ***Smoking***

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on Belmont's campus.

## **Emergency Procedures**

Belmont University is committed to equipping you with tools to aid in your safety in the event of an on-campus emergency. Below is a list of common emergency procedures; however, a detailed list of emergencies and procedures is available on My Belmont (in Campus Security & Safety), titled Campus Emergency Plan. Please familiarize yourself with all emergency procedures.

### **Earthquake**

Should an earthquake occur, you should get under a piece of sturdy furniture or in a doorway. Stay away from windows and glass. Remain in building, if building is stable, unless notified by university official to vacate building to the designated area. Persons outside when an earthquake occurs should move to an open area away from electrical wires, tall structures, etc.

### **Fire Evacuation**

Every time a fire alarm is activated, all residents must exit the building unless they have been notified prior to the event that it is not necessary to evacuate (as in testing of the alarms, etc.)

- If there is a fire or activated alarm in the building:
  1. Evacuate the building using the stairs (NEVER use the elevator)
  2. If the smoke is thick, crawl close to the floor to avoid smoke inhalation.
  3. Make your way to the designated exterior gathering area and then alert emergency response personnel
  4. (if alarm has not been activated) Call Campus Security at (615) 460-6911.
  5. If reporting the emergency, state your name, building, location of fire (wing, floor, room, etc.) and nature of the fire (laundry, equipment, mattress, etc.) If possible, stay on the line for questions, if it is safe to do so. Campus Security will contact the Nashville Fire Department.

Designated exterior gathering areas during a fire:

<b>Housing Facility Name</b>	<b>Evacuation Location</b>
Bear House/Patton	The Lawn near Baskin Law Building (old soccer field)
Belmont Commons	Parking lot of 15th Ave. Annex/Law Building
Caldwell Hall	Directly across the Street on the sidewalk in front of the houses
Dickens Hall	Parking area between Buildings 8-9 in the Hillside
Hail Hall	Inner circle of campus/Quad
Heron Hall	Inner circle of campus/Quad
Hillside	Buildings 1-5 12th Ave. parking lot, Building 6-9 parking lot between Buildings 6-9
Horrell Hall	Grassy area front of building
Kennedy Hall	Parking lot between Maddox and The Lawn
Maddox Hall	The South Lawn (Grassy area in front of Wright/Maddox)
Pembroke Hall	Inner circle of campus/Quad
Potter Hall	The Lawn near Baskin Law Building (old soccer field)
Tall Hall	The Lawn just outside the front of the building
Thrailkill Hall	Between Building 6 of Hillside and Thrailkill Parking Garage
Russell Hall	Grassy area in front of building
Wright Hall	The South Lawn (Grassy area in front of Wright/Maddox)

If you are trapped in a building during a fire:

1. If you cannot get out of the building, go to the refuge area in the stairwell.
2. If there is a fire in the hallway, stay in your room, close the doors, dial Campus Security at (615)460-6911 and stand close to the window to signal for help.
3. Put something in the window to alert emergency responders to your location.
4. If smoke is entering the room through the cracks in the door, stuff wet clothes in the cracks.
5. Stay close to the floor to avoid smoke inhalation but continue to shout and peek out through the window to alert emergency responders.

### ***Fire Drills***

Fire drills are conducted at least twice per year for all residence halls. Apartment complexes do not have fire drills currently.

### ***Fire Safety Education***

Floor meetings in Residence Halls review emergency evacuation procedures, safety policy review, and Health and Safety Inspections.

RAs and RDs attend training sessions regularly on emergency procedures, including fire safety and response.

### ***Residence Hall Fire Safety Information***

The following link contains additional information about the Residence Hall's Fire Safety Measures or contact the Office of Risk Management and Compliance at (615) 460-6023 or [riskmanagement@belmont.edu](mailto:riskmanagement@belmont.edu).  
<https://my.belmont.edu/group/residence-life/>