Morris College

SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA
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Annual Fire Safety Report - 2026
Residence Halls

This report, published by Morris College, complies with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 and applies to student housing at the college.

On-Campus Housing Fire Safety Equipment and Statistics

Morris College has seven student residence halls. The chart below indicates the fire safety equipment in each hall as well as fire events for the past three calendar years. Fire alarm systems are networked and monitored twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week at the Sumter Fire Department. When an alarm activates, Campus Security officers are immediately dispatched in addition to the Sumter Fire Department (911). Campus Security officers communicate with the local 911-dispatch center and can advise the fire department of the situation while they are enroute.

Residence Hall		***Fire Statistics (Last 3 Calendar Years)***			
		Total Number of Fires	*Fire-Related Deaths*	*Fire Related Injuries*	*Amount of Damage to Property*
ADMS Hall		0	0	0	0
AMMA Hall		0	0	0	0
Alexander-Graham		0	0	0	0
DKW Hall		0	0	0	0
RCJ Hall		0	0	0	0
Bowman-Clark		0	0	0	0
Daniels Hall		0	0	0	0

Residence Hall	***Fire Safety System***				
	Monitored Detection and Alarm	Smoke Detectors	Pull Stations	Sprinkler System	Fire Extinguishers
ADMS Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AMMA Hall	✓	✓	✓		✓
Daniels Hall	✓	✓	✓		✓
DKW Hall	✓	✓	✓		✓
RCJ Hall	✓	✓	✓		✓
Bowman-Clark Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alexander-Graham Hall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Nature of Fire	*Date of Fire*	*Time Fire Occurred*	*Location of Fire*	*Remarks*
No fires reported.				

Morris College Fire Log 2024-2025

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Supervised Fire Drills

Fire and evacuation drills are conducted in the residence halls each semester. There were two (2) fire drills conducted during the 2025 – 2026 academic year. The drills are supervised and conducted by the Office of Residence Life, with the assistance of Campus Security. Students must participate in the fire drills, and it is a violation of the college conduct code not to evacuate during a drill.

Evacuation Policy and Procedures

In the event of a fire, explosion, or other emergency, the hall staff will activate the fire alarm and notify Campus Security, the Dean of Student Affairs, and the Director of Residential Life. All students must evacuate a residence hall when a fire alarm sounds. Residence Hall Senate members living in each hall assist in the evacuation process. Residents are instructed by staff on the location of the assembly area for their hall. Residents are not permitted to re-enter the building until the "all clear" is given by the Hall Director, Campus Security, and the Fire Department. Should weather conditions be inclement or the situation prohibit a timely re-entry, evacuated students will be temporarily relocated to another campus building.

Evacuation routes are posted on the back of the door of each residence hall room and in the hallways of each floor. Students should become familiar with multiple evacuation routes out of their building and leave from the nearest safe exit. Students evacuating should take only important personal possessions within their immediate vicinity, as well as shoes and outer clothing suitable for the weather. Elevators are not to be used during a fire alarm evacuation of the building.

Residence Life Staff and students are to assist individuals with disabilities. If someone cannot be evacuated due to an injury or disability, notify the first emergency responder encountered as you are leaving the building.

Fire Safety Violations and Prohibitions

The Student Handbook and *Guide to Residential Living* contains information on residence hall policies. Each student is given a hard copy of the handbook during Orientation and when registering. The *Student Handbook* is also located on the college web page under Student Life. Residence Life Staff conduct health and safety inspections of residence hall rooms periodically each semester. Listed below are fire safety guidelines and prohibitions.

- Nothing may be hung from or attached to ceiling or other horizontal surfaces above the head.
- Nothing may be hung or draped over electrical outlets, smoke detectors, lamps, or other items with the potential to ignite the item through excessive heat exposure.
- Nothing may be hung from sprinkler pipes, or within 18" of any sprinkle head.
- Electrical outlets and extension cords may not be overloaded.
- All extension cords must be UL (Underwriter Laboratory) certified and should not run across open areas of the floor. Extension cords used for refrigerators and air conditioners must be of the heavy-duty type with circuit breakers.
- Surge protectors should be UL approved. Instead of extension cords, use surge protectors for multiple plugs. Surge protectors should not be linked to other surge protectors or be placed underneath carpets.
- The smoke detector battery must remain in the smoke detector. In the event that the battery needs to be replaced, the student should contact a Residence Life staff member immediately.
- Burning candles, incense, or having any open flames is prohibited in residence hall rooms or common areas. Evidence of violations will result in disciplinary action and immediate removal of all candles.
- The use of halogen and multi-colored floor lamps is prohibited in residence hall rooms or common areas. Having such lamps will result in disciplinary action and immediate removal of the lamp.
- No flammable materials or equipment that contains flammable materials (such as camping stoves, lanterns, etc.) may be stored in residence halls.
- Live Christmas trees are not allowed in residence halls. Residence Life staff in each building will provide guidelines for holiday decorations to residents.
- Keep room clear of fire hazards that are created through the accumulation of potentially flammable material such as newspapers, magazines, boxes, etc.
- SMOKING is not permitted in any residence hall.
- Fireworks, flammable liquids or other hazardous materials are not permitted in Residence Halls.
- Tampering with fire alarm or fire protection systems or deliberately causing a false fire alarm are violations of the student conduct code and students found responsible are subject to strict disciplinary actions.

Fire Safety Education and Training

Residential Life Staff receive annual fire safety and evacuation training prior to residential students arriving for the fall semester. The staff holds educational floor meetings when students arrive on campus at which fire safety and evacuation procedures are covered with the resident students. Fire evacuation routes and procedures are posted on the back of the door of each residence hall room and in the hallways of each floor.

Fire safety is reviewed with new employees during their orientation period. Specialized training is routinely provided to service employees (such as Dining Service and Maintenance staff) who work in high occupancy campus building and residence halls. Each building supervisor and faculty chairperson is responsible for seeing that safety guidelines are followed in their respective areas. The Emergency Response Plan manual which is distributed to selected staff and published on the college website outlines procedures for building evacuation and response to fire alarms.

The Office of Student Affairs and Campus Security maintain an active working relationship with the City of Sumter Fire Marshall and consult with his office on matters of fire safety when questions arise. The Fire Marshall's office conducts periodic inspections of campus facilities.

(Adapted from Roanoke College)

Morris College publishes annually The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998 Report. This report may be obtained in the Office of Student Affairs or via the college's website at www.morris.edu.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

If you are requesting various kinds of information regarding the college itself, please call the appropriate office listed below using the 803 area code.

Office of Enrollment and Records – 934-3225 or
Toll Free: 1-866-853-1345
Office of Business Affairs – 934-3223 or 3329
Office of Financial Aid – 934-3238 or 3245
Office of Academic Affairs – 934-3213
Office of Student Affairs – 934-3217
Office of Student Housing – 934-3175
Office of Counseling - 934-3259
Health Services Office – 934-3256
Human Resources– 934-3298

You may also request information by mail addressed to the appropriate office at Morris College, 100 West College Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150-3599.