Fire on Campus

Fire Details
A recent fire at 164 S. College Ave. was determined to be accidental by the State Fire Marshal’s Office. The February 19th fire started in a 3rd floor office stairwell on the south side of the building at approximately 5:30AM. University Police and EHS, along with Aetna FD and other mutual aid fire companies responded to the contained fire. Fire crews were quickly able to make headway and limit the fire to the area of origin. After sifting through burnt debris and reconstructing the fire scene, it was determined that a window mounted air conditioner failed due to an electrical malfunction. Much of the building contents were spared because the building users kept the stairwell doors closed and that prevented the spread of smoke and heat damage.

Fire Prevention on Campus
Recent fire safety surveys of campus buildings are finding one common fire hazard that can be easily remedied; poor housekeeping. In most cases the poor housekeeping involves overloading storage areas. In many cases the occupants didn’t realize what they were storing. Other concerns are that some building users have access to electrical and mechanical rooms that should be designated for M&O only.

These spaces are assigned to Facilities Maintenance and Operations for upkeep of the building utilities. Please discontinue this practice if you’re currently doing so. With the warmer months of spring rapidly approaching, perhaps it’s a good idea for a little spring cleaning of your areas. Feel free to contact EHS Fire Safety Group at fire-safe@udel.edu for assistance and ideas.
Radiation Safety

UD offers Microwave Oven Monitoring Program on Campus

The microwave oven monitoring program is designed to offer the University community a free safety assessment of the microwave ovens in any University building or residence. The assessment, performed by Environmental Health and Safety staff, consists of a test of the safety shut-off interlocks and a microwave leakage survey. Ovens that show damage to the door seal, hinges, latches, or interior walls may leak microwaves at levels that exceed the safety performance standards set by the US Food and Drug Administration.

To schedule a microwave oven safety assessment, contact William Fendt at wfendt@udel.edu or by phone at 302-831-8475.

Wash the Right Way!

Properly washing your car makes all the difference

- Wash your car in the grass so the ground can filter the water naturally. Use soap sparingly.
- Use a hose with a pistol grip or trigger nozzle to save water.
- Wash one section of the car at a time and rinse it quickly.
- When you’re done, empty your bucket of soapy water down the sink, in the grass, gravel, or into another area able to absorb it, NOT the street or driveway.
- Vacuum car interiors; don’t shake the dirt from floor mats onto the ground. This helps prevent dirt from reaching storm drains in the next rain. Make sure all trash is thrown away or recycled.
- Best of all, take your car to a commercial car wash! Most car washes reuse water several times before sending it for treatment at a sewage treatment plant.
EHS Lab Safety
Pop-up Events

Come meet the EHS team!

Wednesday
April 19th
9:30am to 11:30am
Colburn Lab

Wednesday
May 3rd
9:30am to 11:30am
AP Bio

Learn how to improve safety practices in your labs!

Win EHS swag items!
Campus Emergency Notification Systems

Emergencies can happen anywhere, anytime. To ensure you receive important emergency information, UD Emergency Management recommends you enroll in at least three emergency notification systems. University officials may use the following resources to notify the University community of a condition that threatens the health and safety of individuals on campus.

**UD Alert**

UD Alert is the University of Delaware’s primary emergency notification system, facilitated through the emergency notification vendor, Send Word Now. UD Alert allows UD to send emergency messages within minutes. The system is only activated during major emergencies in which there is an imminent danger to the safety and welfare of students, faculty and staff, or if a state of emergency is declared.

UD Alert messages are sent as a phone call, email, and text message. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to register to receive UD Alerts. Students, faculty and staff may visit [www.udel.edu/alert/alert-instructions](http://www.udel.edu/alert/alert-instructions) to learn more and register.

**The LiveSafe App**

LiveSafe is a FREE smartphone safety app that enhances emergency communications, helps users prevent crime, and assists users in responding to incidents. LiveSafe supplements UD Alert and permits messaging on less-critical issues (e.g. road closures). The app is available to anyone (including campus visitors) and can be downloaded on the App Store or Google Play.

**UD Homepage & UDaily**

In the event of an emergency, UD Campus & Public Safety provides the Office of Communication & Marketing information to post on the UD home page ([www.udel.edu](http://www.udel.edu)) and the UDaily news service ([www.udel.edu/udaily](http://www.udel.edu/udaily)). Anyone can subscribe to UDaily to receive emails considering breaking UD news.
Social Media
Social media is a great tool to receive real-time updates during an emergency. Make sure you are receiving information from expert, credible sources. We recommend following these accounts to ensure you receive the latest information during an incident:

- University of Delaware (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- UD Police (Facebook, Twitter)
- The National Weather Service – Mount Holly Forecast Office (Facebook, Twitter)

Major Media Outlets
The University proactively provides major media outlets (e.g. regional radio, television, newspaper and online media sources) with real-time information concerning any emergency impacting the campus. These outlets include Delawareonline, WDEL, WPVI, and the Newark Post, among others.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS
Always call 911 in any life-threatening emergency! The UD Police Department is the primary contact for all on-campus emergencies. Take a moment to save these important phone numbers in your contacts.

- UD Police ................................................................. 302-831-2222
- UD Facilities Operations Center ........................................ 302-831-1141
- UD Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) .......................... 302-831-8475
- UD Student Health Center ........................................... 302-831-2226
- Poison Information Center ........................................... 800-222-1222
- Newark Police Department (Non-Emergency) .................. 302-366-7111
Environmental Health and Safety would like to hear from you!

We encourage all members of the UD community to submit safety improvement ideas on campus. You may submit ideas that impact your personal safety here on campus or the safety of the greater community. Your participation will help raise safety awareness in our community! Please submit your safety concerns/ideas via email to dehsafety@udel.edu