

MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

**HEALTH AND SAFETY
Section 808**

SUBJECT: RESIDENCE HALL SAFETY

PURPOSE: To promote student and employee safety by complying with certain residence hall safety laws

A. Purpose

Pursuant to the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, the M CCS adopts the following policy to promote student and employee safety in residence halls.

B. Fire Safety

Each college that maintains an on-campus student residence hall shall maintain a log recording all fires in such residence halls. Such logs shall include the nature, date, time, and general location of each fire. Each such college shall also publish a report that contains the following information about fires, if any, that occurred in a residence hall during the preceding calendar year:

1. Statistics regarding the number and the cause of each fire; the number of injuries related to each fire that result in treatment at a medical facility; the number of deaths related to each fire; and the value of property damage caused by each fire;
2. A description of each on-campus residence hall fire safety system, including the fire sprinkler system;
3. The number of regular, mandatory supervised fire drills;
4. Policies or rules governing portable electrical appliances; smoking; open flames such as candles; procedures for evacuation; and policies regarding fire safety education and training programs provided to students and employees; and
5. Plans, if any, for future improvements in the college's residence hall fire safety.

Each college that maintains an on-campus student residence hall shall annually submit to the United States Secretary of Education a copy of the statistics referenced in section B.1 above, and make such reports available online to the campus community.

C. Missing Residence Hall Students

Each college that maintains an on-campus student residence hall shall inform resident students that:

1. Each resident student may confidentially inform the college of the person whom the college should notify in the event that the student is determined by the college to be missing for a period of more than 24 hours, and that the college will so notify such person after such time;
2. For each resident student who is under 18 years of age and not emancipated, the college will notify a custodial parent or guardian not later than 24 hours after the student is determined by the college to be missing; and
3. The college will notify the appropriate law enforcement agency not later than 24 hours after the time that the college determines that a resident student is missing.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to provide a private right of action to any person to enforce any provision of this section, or to create a cause of action against a college or other component, employee, officer or trustee of the MCCS for any civil liability.

REFERENCES: P.L. 110–315, §488(i) and (j)

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