§6438 of New York State Education Law requires notification of fire safety standards and measures in all college-owned or college operated housing. To facilitate compliance the following information is provided:

Fire Safety in the Residence Halls

The University at Albany maintains a high level of fire safety in all buildings through a combination of fire protection systems, fire safety policies, staff training, and enforcement of safety procedures.

- Each room is equipped with a smoke detector. These detectors are hard-wired and do not run on batteries.
- There is heat sensors located in every bedroom/suite on campus. These sensors detect heat levels in rooms, which, in the event of a fire, will trip the building alarm.
- The four main quadrangles are of heavy duty concrete construction with compartmentalized suites and bedrooms. The stairwells are separated from the rest of the building by two-hour fire resistive construction.
- All bedroom, suite and corridor doors are “fire doors”. All corridor doors are equipped with magnetic hold open devices. When the building alarm is tripped, these magnetic devices are deactivated thus forcing the doors closed. Once closed, these “fire doors” prevent fire and smoke from spreading from its point of origin. In essence these doors separate rooms from one another, hallways from other halls and stairwells, maintaining a safe means of egress.
- Smoke and heat detection devices are in common areas/hallways.
- There are fire extinguishers on every floor, both water and dry chemical extinguishers (generally found in the basements).
- The towers have standpipe connections on every other floor. In the event of a fire, standpipes are utilized by the fire department to connect fire hoses directly to a water supply.
- Upholstered Furniture in all residence halls are treated with Cal 133 fabric treatment which is fire retardant. Mattresses are treated with Cal 129 fabric treatment which is fire retardant.
- Sprinklers are in basements, electrical and janitorial closets in original construction buildings.
- In our newly renovated buildings: (SQ) Steinmetz, Melville, Tappan and Whitman, (IQ) Mohawk, Montauk, Oneida, Tuscarora and Seneca, (DQ) Ten Broeck, Van Rensselaer, Ryckman, (CQ) Johnson, Hamilton, and in Empire Commons, Liberty Terrace sprinkler systems are installed throughout the building including student rooms. Waterbury, Alden, Sayles and Pierce on Alumni Quad have fire sprinklers in the corridors, common areas, and hazard areas. Freedom Quad Apartments has a sprinkler in the entry way to the apartment. All of Indian Quad, Dutch Quad, Colonial Quad, Alumni Quad and State Quad have addressable fire alarm systems. All of the apartments, Freedom, Empire Commons and Liberty Terrace have addressable buildings. In an addressable system, each device is given an “address” which appears on the fire alarm panel. When a fire alarm is activated, the panel displays the device and its exact location.
- In accordance with New York State Education Law, there are two scheduled drills in the fall semester and one scheduled drill in the spring for every Residence Hall on campus. Students are always required to evacuate a building when the alarm sounds.
- The fire department responds to every alarm.
SUNY Albany Fire Alarm Project

The fire alarm project was meant to bring the University at Albany in compliance with the December 2002 Trustees resolution as defined by DOS in 2005 to install an integrated and fully addressable fire/smoke detection system.

The fire alarm project secured existing campus fiber optic strands to the uptown campus heating plant control room, so that addressable signals can be monitored from two University locations: the heating plant and UPD.

Detection devices were installed to detect any fire related anomalous conditions in suite/bedrooms. These devices provide an alarm notification to an initiating device actuation. Audible horns, bells and speakers are in the building. Each lobby of every building will have a new fire alarm control panel which transmits the exact location of the alarm. The project was completed in all residence halls in 2010.

Additional fire safety information may also be found in the annual Clery-Fire report which can be found here Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

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