

Fire Safety and Prevention

Roberts Wesleyan College works in conjunction with the state of New York and the local fire districts in an effort to educate people in fire prevention and to protect the campus from the threatening dangers of fire.

In 2000, as a result of legislation pertaining to improvement of fire safety on college campuses, the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control started visiting our campus annually to inspect for compliance with the fire safety codes and standards set by the state. Their goal is to work cooperatively with the college to educate and enhance fire prevention and safety by reducing careless and hazardous conditions which could lead to a fire. In addition to this yearly inspection there are annual inspections of the fire alarm system and quarterly inspections of the sprinkler systems by authorized inspectors to ensure the systems are all functioning properly.

The fire alarm system is tested annually by an authorized alarm company. At this time all detectors, pull stations, and back up batteries are checked. All smoke and heat detectors are also checked and cleaned at this time.

NYS Fire performs our annual inspection throughout the campus, checking the documentation on drills, the required checks of the fire systems, the monthly inspections of the fire extinguishers, and performs a walk through in all buildings looking for items that do not meet the fire code for New York State.

Residential

Roberts Wesleyan College has 12 Complexes which house students. All Campus Dorms are on a fire detection system that include smoke and or heat detectors throughout the dorms. The detectors are connected to a fire panel that is monitored off campus through an alarm company 24 hours per day. All dorms have fire extinguishers in designated locations. Each dorm room is equipped with a smoke detector. Only one dorm (Davison - 200 beds) has a sprinkler system throughout. All dorms have exit signs and pull stations for fire alarms at every exit.

Students are made aware of fire safety precautions in the dorms and around campus. They are informed to evacuate a building in a fire emergency as students are given no training in regards to fire fighting with extinguishers.

Residential students participate in fire education. This education includes fire safety tips known as "RACE".

R = Remove anyone in immediate danger;

A = Activate the alarm system;

C = Confine the fire by closing doors;

E - Exit at the nearest exit door (Do Not Use Elevators)

Other campus policies related to fire safety include:

- Do not tamper with smoke detectors or fire safety equipment
- Report any missing or discharged equipment
- Use of candles is strictly prohibited
- Use power strips in place of extension cords
- No cooking appliances allowed in dorm rooms
- No Smoking on campus (including in or around any building)

Each semester Campus Safety Officers perform two (2) fire drills in each dorm. One drill is done in the evening and one at night. Fire drills are timed and all residents are expected to participate and evacuate. No prior notification is given to the residents as to the timing of these drills. The purpose of these drills is to familiarize residents with evacuation procedures, the sound of the alarms, and the locations of all exits in an area.