

Fire Safety Policies

Fire prevention is the responsibility of all students, faculty, and staff at Barton Community College. Students residing in residence halls must adhere to fire safety policies.

Electrical Equipment and Appliances

All electrical equipment is subject to inspection throughout the year as part of the fire safety program. All types of halogen lamps are prohibited. The storage and use of the following electrical appliances in student rooms are prohibited.

- Open heating coils
- Refrigerators measuring over 2.5 cubic feet
- Space heaters
- Toasters
- Toaster ovens
- Electric grills/griddles

Appliances not in use must be turned off and /or disconnected.

Fire Safety Inspections

For fire safety, inspections are performed no less than four times a year. Inspections may be conducted at any time at the discretion of the Housing Coordinator or his/her designee.

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are located on the main floor in Bluestem, Meadowlark, and Sunflower Halls and on each floor of Cottonwood Hall. Fire extinguishers should be used for their intended purpose only and should not be removed from their designated location. Fire extinguishers should only be used after the fire has been reported. Only try to control a small fire, if you can do so safely.

Fire Doors

Keep fire and smoke doors closed. These doors prevent the spread of smoke and fire.

Gasoline and Combustibles

Any item with a gasoline engine is prohibited in residential housing. Gas barbeque grills, charcoal, and lighter fluids are prohibited in residential buildings.

Candles, Incense, and Open Flames

Candles, oil lamps, incense, alcohol lamps, and open flame burners are prohibited.

Corridors

State fire regulations require that all paths of exit, including corridors and stairwells, be kept free of obstructions.

Smoking

No smoking should take place in any space in residential housing buildings.

Fire Evacuation Policy

College Policy on Reporting of Fires: Fires and fire alarms should be reported directly to Campus Security. Any staff, faculty, students, or visitor who becomes aware of any active or past fire should notify any or all of the following persons: Campus Security Officer, Coordinator of Facilities Management, and/or Coordinator of Student Housing.

Every person in the building, including staff, faculty, students, visitors, and contractors where the fire alarm is sounding, regardless of known or suspected cause, is required to evacuate immediately. Persons evacuating must leave via the closet exit. All occupants should assemble at a safe distance from the building and await further instructions from fire and/or Campus Security personnel.