

# 2026 Fire Safety Report

## San Diego State University

### *The Campus Fire Safety Right-To-Know Act*

The Higher Education Opportunity Act enacted in August of 2008 requires institutions that maintain on-campus student housing facilities to publish an annual fire safety report that contains information about campus fire safety policies, practices, and statistics. The following report details all information required by this act as it relates to San Diego State University. The Annual Security Report (Clery) is available from the University Police Department.

Fire Statistics 2023-2025



## Facility Descriptions: University-Owned and Affiliated Residential Facilities

All on-campus residential communities were built in accordance with California Building codes and meet the standards/regulations according to the California Fire Code.

| Campus Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems (2025) |         |                 |                |               |                  |                    |                                     |                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                    | Stories | Smoke Detection | Heat Detection | Pull Stations | Sprinkler System | Fire Extinguishers | Automatic UPD Dispatch Notification | Evacuation Drills Per Calendar Year |
| <b>On Campus Residential Communities</b>           |         |                 |                |               |                  |                    |                                     |                                     |
| Aztec Corner<br>5504, 5602, 5700<br>Montezuma Rd.  | 4       | ✓               |                | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Chapultepec<br>5400 Remington Rd.                  | 11      | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Cuicacalli Suites<br>5150 East Campus Dr.          | 6       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Granada<br>5525 Hardy Ave.                         | 4       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Huaxtepec<br>5475 55th St.                         | 2       | ✓               |                | ✓             |                  | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Huaxyacac<br>5410 55th St.                         | 5       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Maya/Olmeca<br>6050 Lindo Paseo                    | 3       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             |                  | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| M@College<br>5030 College Ave.                     | 5       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Metepec<br>5430 55th St.                           | 2       | ✓               |                | ✓             |                  | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Mixquic<br>5484 55th St.                           | 2       | ✓               |                | ✓             |                  | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Piedra del Sol<br>5600 Hardy Ave.                  | 4       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| South Campus Plaza-North<br>5140 College Ave.      | 6       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| South Campus Plaza-South<br>5120 College Ave.      | 6       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Sunset Plaza<br>5565 Lindo Paseo                   | 4       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Tarastec<br>5445 55th St.                          | 4       | ✓               |                | ✓             |                  | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Tenochca<br>6126 Montezuma Rd.                     | 8       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Toltec<br>5460 55th St.                            | 2       | ✓               |                | ✓             |                  | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |

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|-----------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| University Towers<br>5505 Montezuma Rd. | 9       | ✓               |                | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Villa Alvarado<br>6161 Alvarado Rd.     | 3       | ✓               |                | ✓             |                  | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Viva<br>5750 Montezuma Rd.              | 4       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Zacatepec<br>5485 55th St.              | 2       | ✓               |                | ✓             |                  | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Zapotec<br>5450 55th St.                | 2       | ✓               |                | ✓             |                  | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |
| Zura<br>6124 Montezuma Rd.              | 8       | ✓               | ✓              | ✓             | ✓                | ✓                  | ✓                                   | 1                                   |

## ***Safety and Security Policies for On-Campus Residential Communities***

Housing Administration and Residential Education policies are referenced in the Housing License Agreement and are described in detail in a document titled “[Guide to Community Living](#)”. A guidebook is placed in each room and residents are held accountable for knowing and following the policies and regulations.

The guidebook can also be found on the housing website: [Policies and Procedures](#).

## ***Policies on Electrical Appliances, Open Flames and Smoking***

**Electrical Appliances:** University-provided microwave fridge combination devices or refrigerator and microwave appliances are provided for food preparation and storage. Microwave fridge combination devices must be plugged directly into a wall outlet. No personal refrigerators of any size are permitted. Cooking appliances including, but not limited to, rice cookers, toasters, toaster ovens, slow cookers, popcorn poppers, air fryers, and instant pots may only be used in apartment kitchens, Tepeyac & Tacuba kitchenettes or community kitchens.

Mini fridges, space heaters, barbeques, portable stoves, hot plates, portable air conditioners, and electric water coolers are prohibited in all on-campus residential communities.

**Open Flames:** Candles, incense, wax melters/warmers, and butane torches are prohibited in residential communities. The burning of any materials, including incense or candles is prohibited except when prior written approval has been obtained from the Executive Director of Housing Administration or the Executive Director of Residential Education for the purpose of religious or spiritual observance only.

**Smoking:** San Diego State University is a smoke-free campus. Smoking of any kind, including electronic cigarettes, hookahs and water pipes, is prohibited on campus property. Smoking is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying a lighted or vapor-producing tobacco product. The San Diego State University smoking policy may be found at <https://smokefree.sdsu.edu/policy>.

## *Procedures for Evacuations*

- Community front desk staff, if not in immediate danger, will read the fire alarm panel and determine the location of the alarm. If there is a fire or other risk at or near the front desk, the staff will exit the building immediately.
- University Police will be contacted and informed that the alarm went off and the location of the alarm.
- If it is determined that there is a fire, University Police will dispatch the Fire Department. A staff member, if available, will meet the University Police officer and assist as needed.
- University Police will be notified of the location of residents with disabilities or any resident needing assistance.
- Residence hall staff will inform the Residence Hall Coordinator (RHC) of the location of the alarm and/or fire. If the RHC is not in the building or it is after hours, the RHC on Duty will be contacted.
- All residence hall staff will assist, as needed, in evacuating the residents from the building to the designated evacuation assembly location.
- The Fire Department and/or University Police will access the fire panels and assess the status of the emergency.
- When determined safe, University Police will allow residents to return to the building.
- Residence hall staff will assist in the resident re-entry process.
- If residents become aware of a fire and the audible alarm has not been activated, they are to immediately activate the closest pull station and dial 911 or report the source of the fire to the front desk or to University Police. The process outlined above will then be enacted.

## *Fire Safety Education and Training Programs*

1. Fire safety training for professional and student staff is conducted annually. This training includes:
  - Response protocols including notification procedures.
  - Evacuation procedures for each individual community.
  - Fire system descriptions for each individual community.
  - Documentation of incidents.
2. Residential student training:
  - Each community has a mandatory meeting on move-in day or during move-in week where residents are made aware of the evacuation procedures for their individual community.
  - Important safety information is included in a document entitled "[Guide to Community Living](#)". A copy of the guidebook is placed in each room and is available on the housing website at: [Guide to Community Living](#).

## Reporting Procedures

Once a fire has been extinguished, all instances of fires in on-campus residential communities are recorded on the internal Fire Alarm Report Form and reported to:

Cynthia Cervantes  
Executive Director  
Office of Housing Administration  
619-594-1892  
[cynthia.cervantes@sdsu.edu](mailto:cynthia.cervantes@sdsu.edu)

Kara Bauer  
Chief Student Development Officer  
Executive Director, Residential Education Office  
619-594-0489  
[kbauer@sdsu.edu](mailto:kbauer@sdsu.edu)

## Plans for Future Improvements in Fire Safety

The Office of Housing Administration and Residential Education Office will continue to collaborate with our on-and-off campus safety partners including, but not limited to, the Emergency Services Department, University Police Department, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and the California Office of the State Fire Marshal. We will schedule fire drills at the beginning of the academic year and invite representatives from the Emergency Services Department and the University Police Department. These unannounced drills are timed and monitored for effectiveness. Following each drill, observed problems or unusual conditions are reported to the appropriate staff for follow-up. At this time there are no current plans for future improvements. Student residents, staff or others who have suggestions for improvements are encouraged to email their comments to [oha@sdsu.edu](mailto:oha@sdsu.edu).

## Fire Statistics

| Campus Housing Facility Fire Statistics        |               |                 |                          |                    |                  |                          |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| On Campus Residential Communities              | Calendar Year | Total Incidents | Cause of Fire            | Number of Injuries | Number of Deaths | Value of Property Damage |
| Aztec Corner<br>5504, 5602, 5700 Montezuma Rd. | 2023          | 2               | Grease,<br>Food on Stove | 0                  | 0                | \$553                    |
|                                                | 2024          | 1               | E-bike                   | 0                  | 0                | \$71,965                 |
|                                                | 2025          | No Fire         | -                        | -                  | -                | -                        |
| Chapultepec<br>5400 Remington Rd.              | 2023          | No Fire         | -                        | -                  | -                | -                        |
|                                                | 2024          | No Fire         | -                        | -                  | -                | -                        |
|                                                | 2025          | No Fire         | -                        | -                  | -                | -                        |
| Cuicacalli Suites<br>5150 East Campus Dr.      | 2023          | No Fire         | -                        | -                  | -                | -                        |
|                                                | 2024          | No Fire         | -                        | -                  | -                | -                        |
|                                                | 2025          | No Fire         | -                        | -                  | -                | -                        |
| Granada<br>5525 Hardy Ave.                     | 2023          | No Fire         | -                        | -                  | -                | -                        |
|                                                | 2024          | 1               | Food in Dumpster         | 0                  | 0                | \$0                      |
|                                                | 2025          | No Fire         | -                        | -                  | -                | -                        |

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| Huaxtepec<br>5475 55th St.                               | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-               | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Huaxyacac<br>5410 55th St.                               | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | 1<br>No Fire<br>No Fire       | BBQ Grill<br>-<br>-       | 0<br>-<br>-        | 0<br>-<br>-      | \$0<br>-<br>-            |
| M @ College<br>5030 College Ave.                         | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-               | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Maya/Olmeca<br>6050 Lindo Paseo                          | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>1       | -<br>-<br>Dryer           | -<br>-<br>0        | -<br>-<br>0      | -<br>-<br>\$0            |
| Metepec<br>5430 55th St.                                 | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-               | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Mixquic<br>5484 55th St.                                 | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-               | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Piedra del Sol<br>5600 Hardy Ave.                        | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | 1<br>No Fire<br>No Fire       | Plastic in Oven<br>-<br>- | 0<br>-<br>-        | 0<br>-<br>-      | \$633<br>-<br>-          |
| South Campus Plaza-North<br>5140 College Ave.            | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-               | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| South Campus Plaza-South<br>5120 College Ave.            | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-               | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Sunset Plaza<br>5565 Lindo Paseo                         | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-               | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Tarastec ( <i>Demolished May 2025</i> )<br>5445 55th St. | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-               | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Tenochca<br>6126 Montezuma Rd.                           | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-               | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Toltec<br>5460 55th St.                                  | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-               | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |

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| Villa Alvarado<br>6161 Alvarado Rd.     | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | 1<br>No Fire<br>1             | Dryer<br>-<br>Food in Oven            | 0<br>-<br>0        | 0<br>-<br>0      | \$62,000<br>-<br>\$0     |
| Viva<br>5750 Montezuma Rd.              | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-                           | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Zacatepec<br>5485 55th St.              | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-                           | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Zapotec<br>5450 55th St.                | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>No Fire<br>No Fire | -<br>-<br>-                           | -<br>-<br>-        | -<br>-<br>-      | -<br>-<br>-              |
| Zura<br>6124 Montezuma Rd.              | 2023<br>2024<br>2025 | No Fire<br>1<br>No Fire       | -<br>Cigarette Butt in Trash Can<br>- | -<br>0<br>-        | -<br>0<br>-      | -<br>\$576<br>-          |