



Higher Education Act On Campus Residential Housing Fire Log

Date Reported	Time Fire Alarm Received	Date and Time of Occurrence	School/Owner	Building	Detailed Location of Fire	Nature or Cause of Fire	Injuries	Damage	Notes
07/04/2025	2:53 PM	07/04/2025 at 2:53 PM	Harvard University Housing	301 Holden Green	Exterior bark mulch	Smoking (improperly disposed of cigarette caused bark mulch fire)	None	None	Cambridge Fire Department responded and extinguished fire with garden hose.
06/06/2025	4:06 PM	06/06/2025 at 4:06 PM	Harvard University Housing	Peabody Terrace Entry 25 (Building E)	Unit 23	Suspected arson	None	Water damage to two lower units	Sprinkler activated on second floor and extinguished the fire.



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04/18/2025	Approximately 5:52 PM	04/18/2025 at approximately 5:52 PM	Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	Conant Hall	Exterior bark mulch and exterior window well and frame	Smoking (improperly disposed of cigarette caused bark mulch fire)	None	Damage to window and window assembly.	Equipment in the mechanical room will be reinspected as a precaution.
03/09/2025	Approximately 3:46 PM	03/09/2025 at approximately 3:46 PM	Harvard University Housing	95 Prescott Street, Cambridge, MA	Basement	Clothing in the dryer caught fire	None	Damage contained to dry unit and its contents.	Fire contained within unit. Extinguished by Cambridge Fire Department with a class A fire extinguisher. EHS responded.



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12/13/2024	Approximately 8:00 PM	12/13/2024 at approximately 8:00 PM	Harvard College	Fairfax Hall (swing space)	Fifth floor unit	Storage of combustible bags under the stove caught fire	None	Limited to stove and wall.	Cambridge Fire Department opened the wall. EHS was notified of the event.
11/07/2024	Approximately 9:30 AM	11/07/2024 at approximately 9:30 AM	Harvard Medical School	Vanderbilt Hall, 107 Avenue Louis Pasteur	Common kitchen room 208	Unattended stove top cooking	None	Limited to floor.	Custodial staff observed fire at 9:30 AM. EHS was notified of the event.



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11/04/2024	Approximately 11:01 AM	11/04/2024 fire alarm received at approximately 11:01 AM	Harvard College	Lowell House Cambridge, MA	Dining Hall main kitchen	Oven fire	None	Contained to oven unit.	Ansul fire suppression system activated.
07/25/2024	Approximately 8:57 AM	07/25/2024 at 8:57 AM	Harvard University Housing	17 Grant Street, Cambridge, MA	First floor unit (contained to kitchen stove)	Reported that items on the stovetop caught fire	None	Minor damage to the stove.	Harvard fire mechanic extinguished the fire. Cambridge Fire Department was on the scene and cleared the event.



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05/14/2024	Approximately 12:05 PM	05/14/2024 at 12:05 PM	Harvard University Housing	One Western Ave, Boston, MA	Third floor unit (contained to kitchen stove)	Reported that a pot on top of the stove caught fire	None	Limited to stovetop and exhaust fan.	Harvard University Housing personnel extinguished the fire. Boston Fire Department was on scene and cleared the event.
04/25/2024	Approximately 9:36 AM	04/25/2024 at 9:36 AM	Harvard College	20-20A Prescott Street, Cambridge, MA	First floor unit	Reported that a small electrical device (small pump for inflatable mattress) caught fire while charging in a bed unit.	None	Minor damage to desk.	Cambridge Fire Department, Harvard police, and a fire mechanic responded. The fire mechanic extinguished the fire.



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10/26/2023	Approximately 1:57 AM	10/26/2023 at 1:57 AM	Harvard College	Mather High Rise	Eighth floor unit	An unattended electric hair clipper charging on carpet/floor malfunctioned, resulting in a small fire	None	Limited to a small area of carpet and wall.	The sprinkler system activated and extinguished the fire.
10/08/2023	Approximately 11:30 AM	10/08/2023 at 11:30 AM	Harvard Medical School	Vanderbilt Hall, Avenue Louis Pasteur	Fifth floor common kitchen area	Unattended cooking (toaster oven fire)	None	Limited to toasted oven, back splash painted surface, and bottom of upper cabinet. Items to be repaired/replaced.	Security was notified and responded to smoke from the fire, which was extinguished by occupants.



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03/01/2022	8:47 PM	03/01/2022 at 8:47 PM	Harvard University Housing	5 Cowperthwaite Street, Cambridge, MA	First floor unit	Stovetop fire	None	Limited to stove/oven and microwave.	
11/07/2021	9:50 PM	11/07/2021 at 9:50 PM	Harvard University Housing	Soldiers Field Park, Building #3, Cambridge, MA	First floor unit	Unattended appliance	None	Limited to electric stove and hood/cabinet. Water damage from activated sprinkler head.	
07/21/2019	2:54 AM	07/21/2019 at 2:54 AM	Harvard College	Thayer Hall, Harvard Yard, Cambridge, MA	Basement mechanical room high-tension electrical vault	Electrical fire	None	Contained within the switch gear equipment.	



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07/13/2019	2:45 PM	07/13/2019 at 2:45 PM	Harvard University Housing	10 DeWolfe Street, Cambridge, MA	Second floor unit	Unattended stovetop.	None	Limited to electric stove and hood/cabinet.	
04/23/2019	9:30 AM	04/23/2019 at 9:30 AM	Harvard Medical School	Vanderbilt Hall, 107 Avenue Louis Pasteur	Common kitchen area near office 116	Unattended toaster oven.	None	Limited to toaster oven.	





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01/21/2019	4:00 PM	01/21/2019 at 4:00 PM	Harvard Medical School	Vanderbilt Hall, 107 Avenue Louis Pasteur	Common kitchen area	Unattended cooking (grease fire on stovetop).	None	Limited to back splash and exhaust fan. Unit to be replaced.	Smoke detectors activated.