POLICY

1.01 To best ensure fire safety of residents and other clientele of Oklahoma State University, fire sprinklers have been installed in various buildings, including residence halls. To support the proper care of this life safety equipment, vandalism, tampering, or reckless action that causes sprinklers to discharge will result in serious penalties. Such behavior will be treated the same as reporting a false fire alarm.

PROCEDURES

2.01 The following regulations shall apply to the use of all fire sprinkler systems in campus residence halls and other buildings:

A. Fire sprinklers are to be activated automatically only in case of fire-related emergencies.

B. Under no circumstances may sprinklers be painted or in any way obstructed. Objects may not be hung or draped from sprinkler apparatus.

C. Fire sprinklers activated, whether during an emergency or inadvertently, are to be turned off only by authorized fire safety personnel.

D. No one may commit acts which endanger the proper functioning of fire sprinkler systems. Violations of this regulation may result in both judicial and administrative disciplinary actions.

2.02 The penalties for reckless action contributing to fire sprinkler discharge, vandalism, and destruction are as follows:

A. University administrative penalties include:

1. Paying for any and all damages caused by violation.

2. Disciplinary sanctions, which may include probation, suspension, or expulsion.

B. In the event a perpetrator is a conferee or guest, the above measures (excluding A2) will be taken and the individual(s) may be expelled from the conference or required to leave the campus and be subject to arrest should such person(s) return.