

**Commons**

**Fire Prevention Plan**  
**for**  
**Commons**  
**1655 Musketeer Drive**

*Xavier University*  
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## Fire Prevention Plan

### 1. Introduction

This Fire Prevention Plan has been developed to identify workplace fire hazards and their control procedures. It also addresses the type of fire protection equipment or systems available in the building, the responsibilities of employees to reduce and respond to fire hazards, and the names of those personnel responsible for maintenance of fire protection equipment. This Fire Prevention Plan (FPP) includes the Commons location at 1655 Musketeer Drive on the campus of Xavier University for *Commons* employees. This plan is designed to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standard 29 CFR 1910.38

### 2. Responsibilities

#### 2.1 *Portable Fire Extinguishers*

The Commons location of Xavier University is equipped with type ABC portable fire extinguishers. A monthly inspection is conducted by Physical Plant personnel to ensure that extinguishers are charged, accessible and in overall good condition. An annual inspection is conducted by a contractor, who is responsible for recharging the extinguishers and ensuring that mounts are in good condition. Following is the name and phone number of the contractor performing this duty:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Cintas Fire Protection	751-8384

#### 2.2 *Fire Suppression Systems*

The Commons location of Xavier University is protected by an automatic sprinkler system. The schematic for the Commons design, outlining the system, is located in the Physical Plant Office at 1507 Dana Avenue. This system is inspected annually by Cintas Fire Protection who is responsible for testing the system and identifying discrepancies in it. Once discrepancies are identified and reported to the Physical Plant, measures are taken immediately to correct the problem.

### 3. Major Workplace Fire Hazards

The following is a list of potential workplace fire hazards, which could be encountered in the

Commons:

- Flammable or combustible chemicals used in the building. This includes, but is not limited to cleaning products. The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) should be referenced to determine which materials fall into this classification.
- Waste paper, cardboard and other combustible waste.

#### **4. Methods of Handling and Storage**

Custodial areas use flammable and combustible materials. All waste chemicals are disposed of through a waste disposal contractor. Rags containing flammable or combustible chemicals are stored in a container with a tight seal. Rags containing flammable or combustible chemicals can spontaneously combust. Additionally, chemical-containing rags are removed on a regular basis.

Paper products (e.g., waste paper, cardboard) are removed and disposed of on a regular basis so that large amounts are not accumulated in the Commons.

Cleaning and maintenance products are stored away from open flames or in fire resistant cabinets.

#### **5. Potential Ignition Sources and Control**

Potential ignition sources include matches, lighters, ignited cigarettes, flames and sparks generated from welding or cutting operations. Some flammable materials may ignite from prolonged exposure to heat. Sources of heat include radiators, space heaters, water heaters, boilers and the sun.

Potential ignition source control is conducted through various means. These include but are not limited to the following; a) prohibition of the use of matches, lighters, and smoking products in University buildings; b) prohibition of welding or cutting in areas containing flammable or combustible materials; c) the proper storage and handling of rags containing flammable or combustible materials; d) proper storage of fuel and chemical containers.

#### **6. Housekeeping**

The following individuals are designated as responsible for the control of fuel source hazards (i.e., controlling accumulations of flammable and combustible materials so that they do not contribute to a fire emergency). These employees and their material of concern are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Material of Concern</u>
Building Coordinator	Commons	General building cleanliness
Associate Director of Building Services	Alumni Center	Waste paper, cardboard and other combustible waste

Housekeeping procedures to control accumulations of flammable and combustible waste materials are described below:

- Small amounts of flammable and combustible products are stored away from open flames and high heat sources. As previously mentioned, rags containing flammable or combustible chemicals are stored in special storage cans which are capable of creating a sealed atmosphere.
- Physical Plant personnel are responsible for disposal of materials that are potentially flammable or combustible. These include chemicals, waste paper, cardboard, etc. Commons personnel are responsible for ensuring that materials that are placed in waste containers are away from potential ignition sources.

## **7. Training**

Training will be provided to all Commons personnel. This Fire Prevention Plan will be reviewed with employees at the following times:

- When the plan is developed
- Whenever the employee's responsibility changes
- Whenever the plan is changed