

Fire Protection Systems

Although no formal Physical Plant fire brigade is established, certain employees of the Physical Plant Department, EH&S, and the UT Tyler Police are generally knowledgeable and capable of handling emergency situations and may be called upon to respond to fire emergencies until professional firefighters and equipment arrive.

The UT Tyler Police, Physical Plant Department, and EH&S have established a close working relationship with the Tyler Fire Department. Campus access to fire department personnel is imperative. The UT Tyler Physical Plant Department and Environmental Health & Safety continually give orientations and briefings to these personnel. Building drawings and other important information are provided to fire department shift captains.

UT Tyler buildings are fire resistant and equipped with multiple systems for fire detection and control, including heat and smoke detectors; fire alarm pulls stations, bells, sirens and strobes throughout corridors in buildings.

The university is equipped with fire protection equipment as follows:

- the Food Service Areas are provided with an automated, dry chemical extinguishing system;
- the Chemical Storeroom in the Ratliff Building South is protected by an FE-13 fire suppression system;
- the server rooms in the University Service Center and the Administration Building are protected by special fire protection systems;
- the Jones Gym in the PHE building is protected by a wet sprinkler system
- and the following buildings are protected by a combination of automatic sprinkler system and standpipe system:
 - Baseball/Softball Concession Stand (BPK)
 - Biology, Education and Psychology (BEP)
 - Braithwaite Building (BRB)
 - Fine and Performing Arts Center (FAC)
 - Fine Art Complex (ARC)
 - Herrington Patriot Center (HPC)
 - Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth (HPR)
 - Liberty Landing Apartments (LL)
 - Longview Innovation Education Complex (LIEC)
 - Longview University Center (LUC)
 - Ornelas Hall (ORH)
 - Patriot Village Apartments (PVL)
 - Palestine Mathis Hall (PMH)
 - Robert R. Muntz Library (LIB)
 - Ratliff Engineering & Sciences Complex (RBS, RBN, PPN)
 - TxAire Homes (AX4)
 - University Center (UC)
 - W.T. Brookshire Hall (WTB)

Most areas on campus are equipped with ABC and/or CO2 extinguishers best suited to fight fires most likely to occur in these areas. Simple instructions for the use of these extinguishers are printed on all units.

The fire protection equipment is inspected by a qualified and licensed contractor on a regular basis to ensure that the equipment is continuously in good working order.