



**FIRE PROTECTION  
AND LIFE SAFETY POLICY**

**Responsible Official:** Chief Operations  
Officer

**Responsible Office:** Environmental Health and  
Safety

**Policy Purpose**

This policy specifies the program and procedures implemented to create a safe environment for East Tennessee State University (ETSU or University) faculty, staff, students, and visitors by applying recognized fire protection and life safety standards to everyday University operations.

**Policy Statement**

The purpose of this policy is to protect human life, property, and the environment from the risk of fire-related hazards through the application of federal and industry standards, regulations, best practices, engineering analysis, fire prevention techniques, and public fire safety education and awareness for the ETSU campus community.

The ETSU Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) shall establish written procedures and processes for a fire and life safety inspection and preventative maintenance program which shall consist of:

1. Clearly defined roles, responsibilities, and accountability at all levels;
2. Aggressive risk assessment and management;
3. Preventative maintenance of all University fire and life safety systems;
4. Periodic physical inspections of all fire protection and life safety systems and equipment in all University facilities;
5. Detailed written follow-up reports outlining any system and/or equipment deficiencies and recommended actions to ensure functionality and compliance;
6. Maintenance and repair of fire and life safety systems and/or equipment that are expired or show signs of corrosion; and
7. Delivery of fire and life safety training and education.

**Authority:** The Focus Act, TCA § 49-8-203, et. seq; 29 CFR 1910.39(b); The Clery Act; NFPA

## Defined Terms

*A defined term has a special meaning within the context of this policy.*

## Policy History

Effective Date:

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Previous Policy Implemented December 2014

## Procedure

[Fire Protection and Life Safety Inspections](#)

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## Related Form(s)/Links/Contacts

[EHS Fire and Life Safety resources page](#)

[Annual Clery Fire Safety Report](#)

[29 CFR 1910.39\(b\)](#)

- Housing and Residence Life (423) 439-4446
- Fire Protection Manager (Office of EHS) (423) 439-7773
- Facilities Services (423) 439-7900

## Scope and Applicability

Primary:

Secondary: