Dear Patricia,

In the month of October, DePaul Housing and Residential Education observe fire safety. We wanted to follow-up with you regarding the fire drills that took place September 27-29, 2022. (Please Note: Any future instances of a fire alarm indicate that there is a real emergency, and not a planned fire drill organized by the university.)

While most residents evacuated quickly during the fire drills, some residents did not. Fire drills and fire alarms exist for everyone’s safety, so we know what to do in case of a real emergency. As soon as you hear a fire alarm go off, it is imperative that you leave the building as quickly as possible. Fires are fast, hot, dark, and deadly. In the event of a fire alarm, those who do not evacuate their building immediately may face disciplinary action or, worse yet, be in real danger.

If you have not done so already, please identify all the exits on your floor, as the one nearest you might not be usable during a fire. There are fire evacuation directions on the back of your door, and you can find additional information in the Fire Safety section of the Guide to Student Housing, including the Fire Safety Map.

If you believe you would have difficulty exiting the building during a fire alarm, please visit Public Safety’s website for additional information.

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping yourself (as well as our halls) safe.

Take care,

DePaul Housing and Residential Education