

LIFE SAFETY POLICY

Statement of Policy

Winston Salem State University ("WSSU") holds the safety of its community in the highest regard with respect to its function as an institution of higher learning. WSSU shall comply with all applicable federal and state safety regulations, including but not limited to Occupational Safety and Health Act, NC State Building Code and the NC Department of Labor, as they may be amended from time to time.

Procedures

The EHS Director shall ensure procedures are in place to maintain an acceptable level of safety for building occupants in all University buildings and shall develop and implement procedures necessary to evacuate any University building in the event of a fire in accordance with the most current edition of the National Fire Protection Association's *Life Safety Code*.

The EHS Director shall periodically review existing procedures to the extent necessary to assure continued compliance with the most current external policies and procedures governing life safety. He/she shall serve as a member of all Committees that address life safety of students, employees, and visitors. In an effort to assure risks to building occupants are kept at an acceptable level, the EHS Director shall advise University leadership on all matters affecting life safety and recommend suitable courses of action consistent with established federal, State, and local statutes impacting life safety.

Effective Date: This policy becomes effective upon adoption by the Board of Trustees.

This the 20th day of March 2015.

Debra Miller Chair, Board of Trustees Winston-Salem State University

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