

Dear students,

We wanted to let you know the causes of three separate fire alarms that recently occurred at West and South Village:

- At 7:55 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, a student staff member reported that they smelled smoke in West Village. There was a subsequent call to the university police reporting the smell of natural gas. The Millersville University Police Department (MUPD) approved pulling the fire alarm to evacuate the building so it could be investigated. Fire personnel, university police, university facilities, and housing staff responded. A UGI technician verified that there was **not a gas leak** within the building. It was determined that the smell of smoke was coming from a campfire off of campus. The all-clear was given and students were able to reoccupy the building.
- At approximately 6:55 p.m. on Sunday, October 22nd student staff in the A/B Wings of the South Villages reported the smell of natural gas. MUPD again approved pulling the fire alarm to evacuate the building. Again, fire personnel, university police, university facilities, and housing staff responded. Officials discovered that a control valve for one of the building's water heaters had a leak. That water heater has been shut down and isolated until repairs can be made by a contracted service company. The all-clear was given and students were able to reoccupy the building at approximately 9 p.m.
- At 1 p.m. on Monday, October 23rd the alarm in the South Villages sounded due to steam in a student's shower that set off the system. University facilities personnel responded and confirmed that the alarm was caused from shower steam. The fire department arrived and reset the alarm panel.

We appreciate students' cooperation in evacuating the buildings as quickly and safely as possible when the alarms sounded.

Students should evacuate at the nearest exit and stand at least 100 feet away from the building and out of the way of emergency vehicles. In the case of an extended evacuation, please move to available common areas in the nearest non-affected residence halls and / or the Student Memorial Center (SMC) or Gordinier. Always be prepared by wearing footwear, taking a warm jacket, and your cell phone to receive university updates via email and social media.

Warmest regards,

Housing and Residential Programs