Alverno College has two Student housing facilities, Austin and Clare Hall. Both residence halls are equipped with Fire Alarm Monitoring, Sprinkler Systems, Smoke detectors, Fire Extinguishers, and evacuation plans and placards. The Department of Safety & Security routinely conducts two fire drills on each residence hall per year. During the 2010 calendar year, two fire drills were conducted on both Austin and Clare Hall. There were no actual fires to report for the 2010 calendar year in either of the residence halls.

The following items are not authorized to be kept in the residence halls:

- Air Conditioners
- Firearms
- Halogen Lamps
- Hot plates, French fryers, toasters/toaster ovens
- Live Christmas trees
- Microwaves (except college issued)
- Open flames (candles, incense, etc.)
- Space heaters or any other heating devices
- Any appliances rated over 6amps (700 watts)
- Any appliances with exposed heating elements
- Smoking is also not allowed anywhere on Alverno College property.

In the event of a fire or similar emergency which requires the evacuation of Austin or Clare Hall, students are advised to exit the residence hall through the nearest stairwell. Never attempt to use an elevator in the event of an emergency evacuation. If a student is disabled and cannot walk down the stairs or is assisting somebody with a disability proceed to the top of the nearest stairwell and advise Security Officers and/or the Fire Department where the individual is located and they will be assisted out of the building. Never under any circumstances enter a building after an emergency evacuation until given the “all-clear” by Security or emergency personnel. Security Officers may silence an alarm after responding but this does not mean that it is safe to re-enter a building. When evacuating a building it is important to stand as far away from the building as possible to ensure safety. An evacuation map is provided on the following page for reference.

Every year the Department of Safety & Security meets to train and instruct the residence halls Community Advisors on the use of fire suppression equipment and procedures. Safety & Security Officers, as well as Community Advisors are trained on how to extinguish small fires and how to evacuate the residence halls should the need arise.

If a fire is observed by a student the easiest way to report it is by pulling a fire alarm pull station located throughout the residence halls and campus buildings. After pulling a fire alarm immediately exit the building and make contact with Security Officers and report what was observed. If a fire is observed and put out it is still required that this fire be reported to the Department of Safety & Security as soon as possible.

Safety & Security: 382-6158
Emergency: 382-6911 / 911