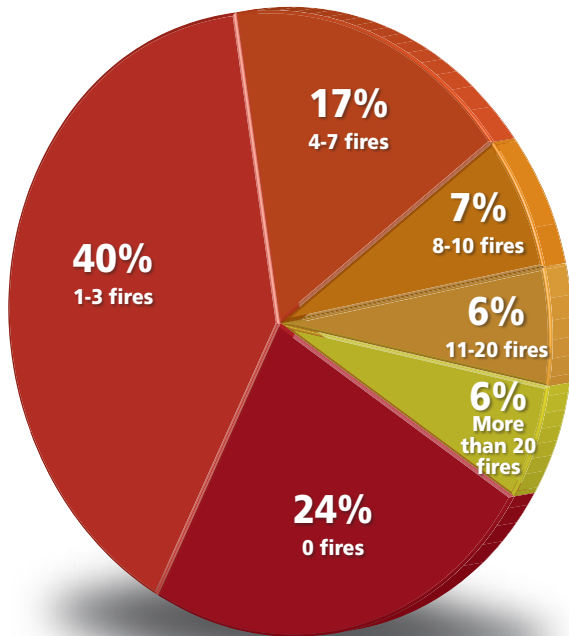


Campus Fire Facts

Number of Fires or Fire-Related Incidents Experienced in the Past 3 Years



The median number of fire or fire-related incidents hospitals, K-12 schools and universities have experienced in the past three years is two. The average is five.

Source: Campus Safety Fire Survey, Dec. 2008

Campus Fire Purchasing Status

	K-12	Universities	Hospitals
We are currently evaluating fire detection systems for possible installation/upgrade at our facility(ies) in the next 1-5 years	24%	41%	25%
We have installed a fire detection system(s) in the past year	36%	49%	22%
We might or might not install a new fire system, depending on circumstances, such as budget, stakeholder buy-in, pending regulations, etc.	18%	18%	9%
We have no plans to install a new or upgraded fire system in the near future	39%	22%	53%

Overall, 50 percent of educational and healthcare campuses are either currently evaluating fire detection systems or might or might not install a new system, depending on circumstances. Note: Respondents could select multiple answers.

Source: Campus Safety Fire Survey, Dec. 2008

Here's What You Say...

- "I am convinced that our campus does a very good job of replacing aging fire protection systems and is moving towards full automatic sprinkler protection campus wide, not just in resident halls, which are now fully sprinklered. By 2015, we will have replaced all of our conventional systems with new addressable systems, and our non-residential buildings will be nearly 100 percent sprinklered — no small task considering the size of this campus. Our malicious false alarm rate in our 80+ resident halls is near zero, and we haven't had a significant fire in several years. Having worked in fire protection on this campus for 34 years, I've witnessed vast improvements in the industry's technology and the improvements in safety for our students, faculty, staff and visitors."
 - "We are actively engaged in inspections, education and training, but still have difficulties with individual units and departments ignoring rules and policies, especially regarding keeping corridors and fire escape routes clear of furniture and objects."
 - "Our biggest threat is the national forest right behind our hospital."
 - "Our campus complies with the local fire marshal guidelines. Most of our buildings have been updated, and we are working toward a coordinated system for our campus with one provider for installation, maintenance and off-site monitoring."
 - "Over the past 15 years, our campus has made a continued effort to bring all buildings onto a standardized system, which reports directly to the police department. All academic facilities send signals related to smoke, fire and sprinkler systems."
 - "Planning upgrades and even beginning to look at integration is time consuming and hard to justify due to top management not looking at systems until something goes wrong."
- Note: So that the anonymity of survey participants is preserved, their identifying information has been withheld.*

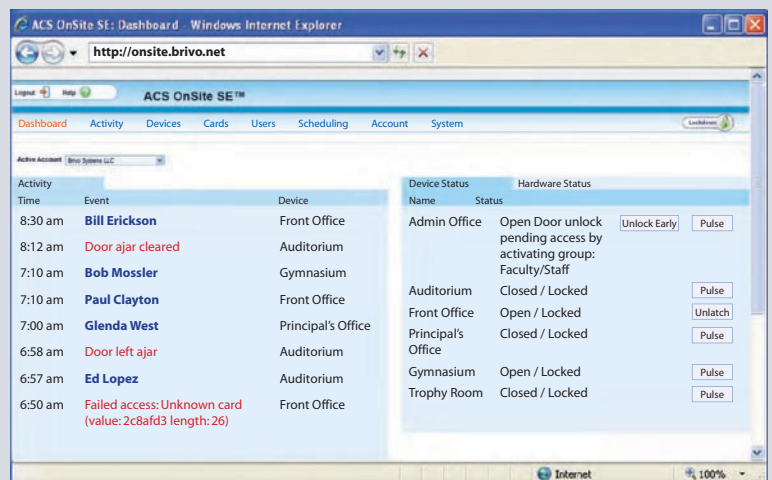
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Biggest Fire Protection Challenges

	K-12	Universities	Hospitals
System maintenance	58%	53%	45%
False alarms	50%	46%	56%
Our current system(s) isn't integrated with our other non-fire systems, such as mass notification	21%	42%	21%
Convincing administration/stakeholders of the need for improved fire systems	20%	30%	19%
We have many types for fire systems that are not standardized and don't work well with each other	13%	26%	7%
System design flaws	21%	24%	21%
Finding the right integrator to install or upgrade our fire detection system	17%	14%	10%
Our facilities are old; doing retrofits will damage the décor	5%	10%	8%
Vandalism/pranks resulting in non-functioning or poorly functioning fire detection system(s)	16%	9%	3%
We don't understand how to comply with the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act	n/a	9%	n/a
System not in compliance with fire code (NFPA)	20%	8%	4%
Smoke detection	14%	7%	10%
Arson	9%	3%	2%
Potential for terrorism involving firebombs, incendiary devices, etc.	9%	3%	7%

Half of survey respondents say that fire systems maintenance is one of their top fire protection challenges. False alarms come in a close second (48 percent). Other challenges mentioned by respondents include lack of carbon monoxide detection; incomplete coverage; renovations compromising the original system design; and staff compliance with fire code policies. Note: Respondents could select four answers.

Source: *Campus Safety Fire Survey*, Dec. 2008

About the Survey

An online questionnaire was E-mailed to subscribers in November and announcements regarding the survey appeared in *Campus Clique* and the November/December 2008 issue of *Campus Safety* magazine. Of the 447 individuals who participated in the study, 71 percent indicated they work for educational campuses, while 23 percent said they work for hospitals/GPO/health systems. Six percent indicated "other."

Note: Chart percentages may not total 100 percent due to rounding. The margin of error is + or - 4.5 percent at a 95 percent confidence level.

2009 Fire Systems Budgets

	K-12	Universities	Hospitals
More than in 2008	19%	22%	20%
Less than in 2008	45%	37%	34%
The same as in 2008	36%	42%	46%

Compared to 2008, more than 62 percent of respondent campuses will have the same amount of money or more to spend on new or upgraded fire systems in 2009.

Source: *Campus Safety Fire Survey*, Dec. 2008



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