

## FIRE PREVENTION

The best way to prevent fire is to minimize its potential through the observation of safe work practices and house-keeping. You should observe the following basic rules:

- ☑ Do not block or hamper passageways or exit doors.
- ☑ Keep storage areas neat and clean.
- ☑ Avoid accumulating excessive paper products.
- ☑ Do not store combustible items such as paper and cardboard against electrical panels, in telephone closets, stairwells, and corridors.
- ☑ Do not store flammable or combustible fluids or gases without permission from the building manager.
- ☑ Maintain electrical appliances in good working order. Periodically check for potential electrical hazards such as frayed cords, broken plugs and overloaded electrical outlets. Avoid using extension cords.
- ☑ Make sure all electrical appliances and cords are approved by the Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
- ☑ Refrain from stacking items too high or close to the ceiling where they may hamper the operation of sprinkler devices. Nothing should be hung from sprinkler heads.
- ☑ Do not use space heaters. These units are a major cause of building fires and their use is not authorized within the building.
- ☑ Use timers to automatically shut off coffee makers.
- ☑ Keep lunch rooms and kitchens clean.

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

<b>FIRE/MEDICAL EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>HARVARD UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (HUPD)</b>	<b>(617) 432-1212</b>
<b>OPERATIONS CENTER (24 HOURS) ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES FLOOD, LEAKS, BUILDING DAMAGE, ETC.</b>	<b>(617) 495-5560</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH &amp; SAFETY (BUSINESS HOURS)</b>	<b>(617) 432-1720</b>



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**FIRE EMERGENCY**

**PROCEDURES**



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**PLAN AHEAD**

- ☑ Learn the location of alternative exits from all work areas.
- ☑ Know the location of the nearest fire alarm and learn how to use it.
- ☑ Know the location of your buildings/ departments meeting site.
- ☑ If you have a disability that may delay your escape - communicate your needs with your **building manager** or the **Accessible Education Office**.

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**GENERAL EVACUATION GUIDELINES**

- ☑ If the fire alarm is activated - **STOP** all activities and immediately initiate an evacuation.
- ☑ If it is safe to do so, close doors behind you as you exit.
- ☑ If you encounter visitors or guests - assist as necessary - go to the closest emergency exit.
- ☑ Follow **EXIT** signs to the nearest fire stairwells.
- ☑ **Do not use elevators.**
- ☑ Go to your designated meeting site.
- ☑ Please wait for further instructions.
- ☑ Do **NOT** re-enter the building until authorized by HUPD or the Boston Fire Department.

**IF YOU DISCOVER A FIRE**

- RELOCATE** - If safe to do so, **relocate** people in immediate danger. Be aware of persons who may need assistance.
- ALARM** - Pull the building fire **alarm** to alert others. Fire pull stations are typically near the fire exits and main exits
- CONFINE** - **Close** all doors as you exit your office, if safe to do so.
- EVACUATE** - **Evacuate** the building. Do not use elevators. Report to your designated meeting site.