

## FIRE PREVENTION

The best way to prevent fire is to minimize its potential through the observation of safe work practices and housekeeping.

### You should observe the following basic rules:

- ☒ **Keep chemical storage areas neat and clean.**
- ☒ Always plan laboratory work before executing it. Providing for safety and avoiding potential accidents are important elements of the plan. **You should understand the hazards associated with the chemicals involved before you start the experiment.**
- ☒ **Know where to find and how to use all emergency equipment** (such as fire extinguishers, eye washes, and safety showers) in the laboratory.
- ☒ **Keep hood sash closed or as low as possible** to save energy (VAV hoods) and maximize safety to laboratory personnel.
- ☒ Do not store large quantities of flammable, combustible or flammable gases outside a flammable liquid or gas cabinet.
- ☒ **Maintain electrical equipment in good working order.** Periodically check for potential electrical hazards such as frayed cords, broken plugs and overloaded electrical outlets. **Avoid using extension cords.**
- ☒ Do not block or hamper passageways or exit doors. **NO storage in exit corridors or stairways.**
- ☒ **Do not store** combustible items such as paper and cardboard against electrical panels, in telephone closets, stairwells, and corridors.
- ☒ Avoid accumulating excessive paper products and corrugated materials.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>FIRE/MEDICAL EMERGENCY</b>	911
<b>HARVARD UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	617-495-1212
<b>UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS CENTER</b>	617-495-5560
ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES	<b>FACILITIES MANAGER</b>  ADAM GILLIS  617-721-1226
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>  BUSINESS HOURS	EHS EMERGENCY ON CALL  RESPONDER  617-495-5560



## ENGINEERING SCIENCE LABORATORY



### FIRE

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



**58 OXFORD STREET**

**CAMBRIDGE, MA**



## 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 - follow **EXIT** signs to the nearest fire rated staircase or emergency exit - **EVACUATE** the building.
- ☑ **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 Cambridge Fire Department.

**FIRE/MEDICAL**

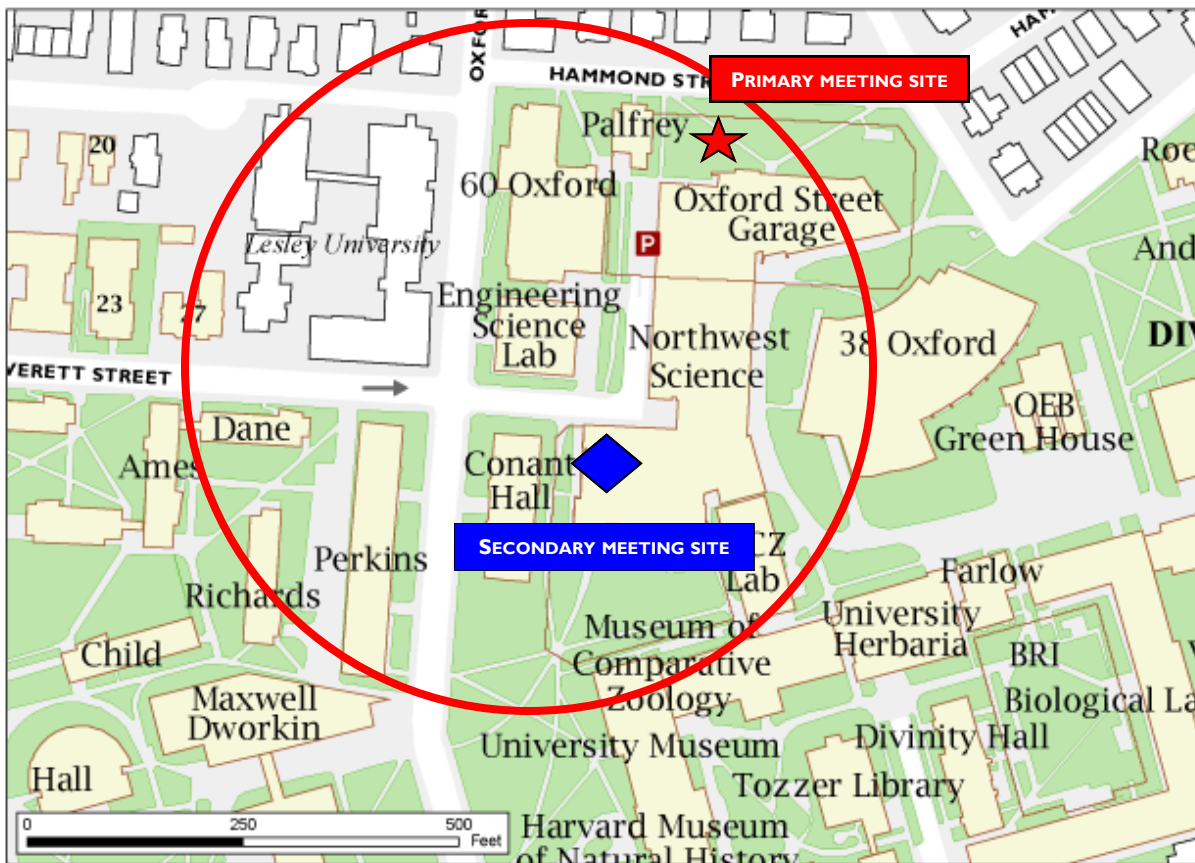
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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**(617) 495-1212**



**PRIMARY MEETING LOCATION BY PALFREY HOUSE /OXFORD GARAGE ENTRANCE**

**SECONDARY MEETING LOCATION NW SCIENCE BUILDING CAFÉ 1ST FLOOR**

### **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.

### **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**.

