

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:

- ☑ **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. Use the right personal protective equipment (PPE) based on hazards/risk.
- ☑ **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

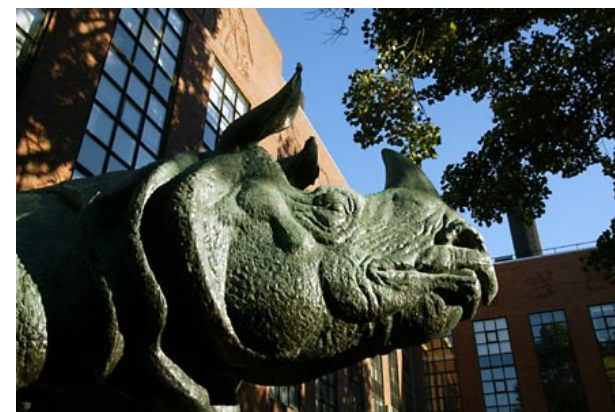
FIRE/MEDICAL EMERGENCY	911
HARVARD UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT	(617) 495-1212
UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS CENTER ALL OTHER EMERGENCIES	(617) 495-5560
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FIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



16 DIVINITY AVENUE

CAMBRIDGE, MA



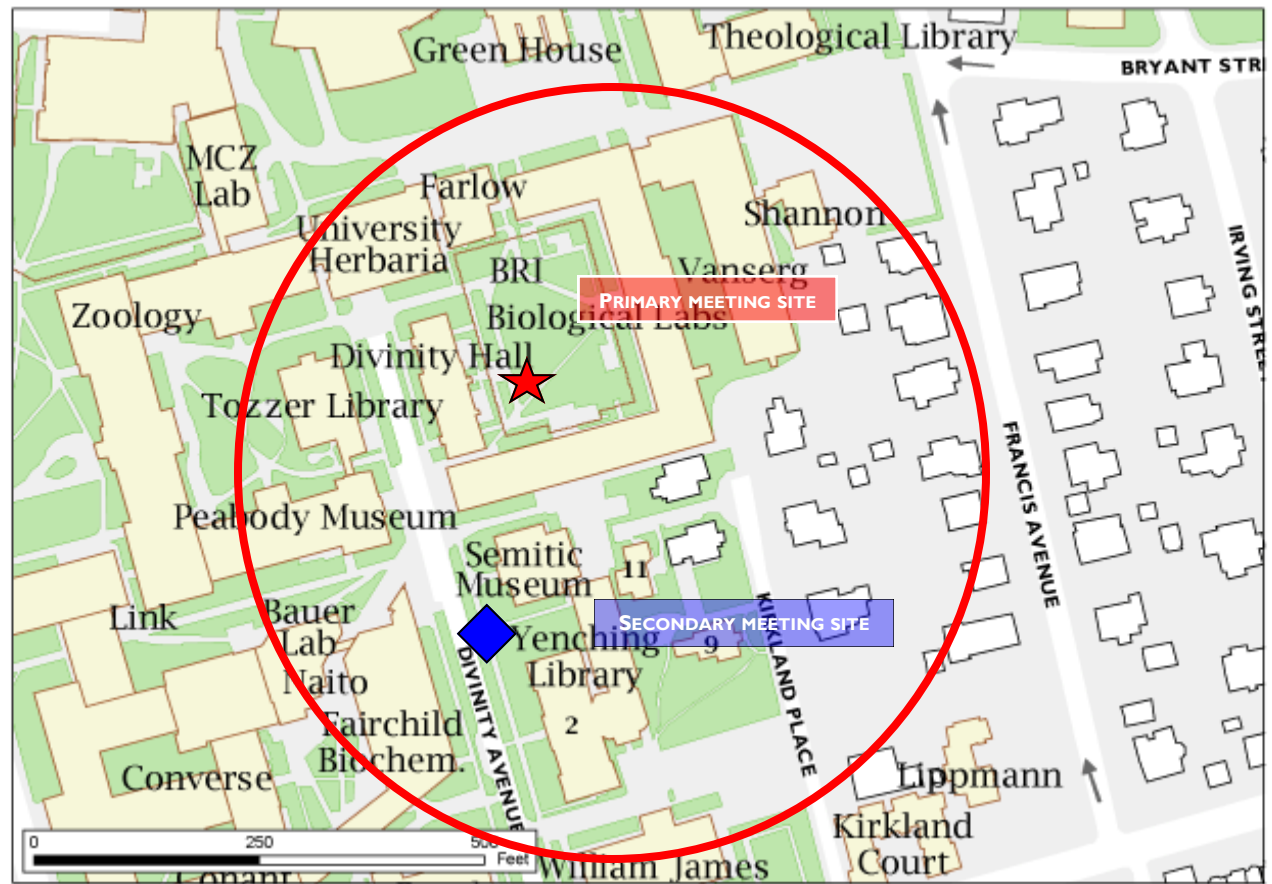
GENERAL

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.
- ☑ Follow **EXIT** signs to the nearest fire stairwell.
- ☑ **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 CFD.

BRI SPECIFIC FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

- ☑ CFD mandates no Class 1 flammables stored below grade level.
- ☑ If safe to do so, turn off any gas valves before evacuation
- ☑ Being below grade, emphasis on immediate evacuation is critically important.
- ☑ If you have lab specific information, provide to first responders (HUPD/CFD)



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**.

