



GENERAL EVACUATION GUIDELINES

- ☑ If the fire alarm is activated - **STOP** all work and immediately initiate an evacuation.
- ☑ If it is safe to do so, close doors behind you as you exit your lab or office.
- ☑ If you encounter visitors or guests - assist as necessary.
- ☑ Follow **EXIT** signs to the nearest fire stairwell.
- ☑ Evacuation maps are located near elevator banks and fire rated stairwells.
- ☑ **Do not use elevators.**
- ☑ Go to your designated meeting site.
- ☑ Please wait for further instructions from HUPD or the Cambridge Fire Department.

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



DESIGNATED MEETING SITES

The **central meeting location** for the following buildings/departments is the **sidewalk/lawn outside of the Northwest Building**



- ☑ Harvard University Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology (OEB)
- ☑ Harvard University Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ)
- ☑ Harvard Museum of Science & Culture (HMSC)
- ☑ Harvard Mineralogical and Geological Museum (HMGM)



Peabody Museum: The central meeting location is the **court yard of Biological Labs.**



Secondary Meeting location for All Departments:

Due to inclement weather or a prolonged evacuation:
Northwest Building - B1 Lobby Area at bottom of staircase.



LOCATION
1ST FLOOR OF
GEOLOGY
NEAR FRONT
DOOR
CLOSEST TO
OXFORD ST.

If you discover a FIRE

RELOCATE - If safe to do so, relocate people in immediate danger.

ALARM - Pull the building fire alarm to alert others.

CONFINE - Close all doors as you exit your laboratory/office.

EVACUATE - Evacuate the building. Do not use elevators.

Call 5-5560 from a safe location outside the building to provide information to the University's Operations Center. Report to your designated meeting site.



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

Fire/Medical Emergency	911
Harvard University Police Public Safety	617-495-1212
University Operations Center All Other Emergencies	617-495-5560
EHS Emergency On Call Responder	617-495-5560
Building Manager	Contacts
Harvard Museum of Science & Culture (HMSC) Harvard University Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ) Harvard Museum of Natural History (HMNH)	Irv Dumay 617-495-5857
Harvard Mineralogical and Geological Museum (HMGM)	Mitra Nathasingh 617-495-1912
Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University	Eugene Ayres 617-384-8025

FIRE & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



Harvard Museum of Science & Culture (HMSC)

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Harvard Mineralogical and Geological Museum (HMGM)

24 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA



Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University

11 Divinity Ave, Cambridge, MA