

**Campus Services ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY** WWW.EHS.HARVARD.EDU

**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  $\mathbf{\nabla}$ you as you exit your office.
- ☑ Follow exit signs to the nearest fire stairwell.
- ☑ If you encounter visitors or guests, assist them as necessary.
- Evacuation maps are located near eleva- $\mathbf{\nabla}$ tor banks and fire rated stairwells.
- Don't use elevators.  $\mathbf{\nabla}$
- Go to your designated meeting site.  $\mathbf{\nabla}$
- Wait for further instructions from the po- $\mathbf{\nabla}$ lice or fire department.





**Designated Meeting Site** 

Move toward the rear of Larsen Hall.

If You Discover a Fire: R.A.C.E.

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.

**Confine:** Close all doors as you leave your lab or office.

Evacuate: Evacuate the building. Don't use elevators.

Call the Operations Center from a safe location outside the building and provide information. Report to your designated meeting site.

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## **Fire Prevention**

The best way to prevent fire is minimizing its potential by observing safe work and house-keeping practices:

- Don't block or hamper passageways or exit doors.
- ☑ Keep storage areas neat and clean.
- ☑ Avoid accumulating excessive paper products.
- Don't store combustibles like paper and cardboard against electrical panels or in phone closets, stairwells, or corridors.
- Don't store flammable or combustible fluids or gases without the building manager's permission.
- Maintain electrical appliances in good working order. Periodically check for potential electrical hazards like frayed cords, broken plugs, and overloaded outlets. Avoid using extension cords.
- Make sure all electrical appliances and cords are approved by the Underwriters Laboratory (UL).

## Fire Prevention (continued)

- Don't stack items too high or close to the ceiling where they could interfere with sprinkler devices. Don't hang anything from sprinkler heads.
- Don't use space heaters. Space heaters are unauthorized and a major cause of building fires.
- Use timers to automatically shutoff coffee makers.
- $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$   $\ensuremath{\,\mathbb{K}}$  eep lunch rooms and kitchens clean.

**Emergency Contact Information** 

Fire and Medical Emergencies	911
Harvard University Police (Public Safety)	617-495-1212
<b>Operations Center</b> (All Other Emergencies)	617-495-5560
GSE Security	617-495-3499
<b>GSE Building Operations</b> (Business Hours)	617-495-3410

## Graduate School of Education (GSE)

**Nichols House** 



Fire and Emergency Evacuation

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