# 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:

- 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.
- EHS recommends battery operated candles - unattended open flames can be hazardous.
- Always be caution when cooking - one of the leading causes of residential fires.

## Contact Information

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<td>University Operations Center All Other Emergencies</td>
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<td>Building Operations</td>
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**Doebele House**

48 Trowbridge Street

Cambridge, MA
General Evacuation Guidelines

☑ If the fire alarm is activated - STOP all activities and immediately initiate an evacuation. Do not delay your evacuation.

☑ Test your door - if it is HOT - seal the door with a wet towel to help keep smoke out. Call 5-1212 or 911 and provide HUPD or the CFD with your exact location.

☑ Stay low to the floor if smoke enters the room. If possible, signal the fire department from a window.

☑ Test your door - if it is COLD - if it is safe to do so, take your room keys and 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.

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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.

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.