Building Safety Systems

Alarm System

*EVACUATION ACTIVATED BY:*
- Audible alarm and visual strobe
- Voice (announcement by fire department)

Detectors

When activated, smoke and heat detectors will automatically notify University Police and fire department.

Emergency Lighting

In the event of a loss of power, emergency lighting will aid in safe evacuation.

Sprinklers

If equipped, heat-activated sprinklers are designed to contain the fire and will notify University Police and fire department.

Extinguishers

Know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher. Never block or obstruct fire extinguishers. Report damaged, used, or expired extinguishers to Facilities.

Manual Fire Alarms

Know the location of the nearest fire alarm pull station. Pull down to activate and exit the building. Activation will alert the University Police and fire department.

Fire Doors

Fire doors prevent smoke and fire from spreading. They must be kept shut at all times to provide a safe means of egress, unless fire doors will automatically shut upon alarm activation.

General Safety Procedures

Be Prepared

- Remain calm
- Remain alert and aware of your surroundings
- Be informed about safety guidelines, security procedures, and health and safety resources
- Update your emergency contact information

Questions or Concerns?

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Evacuation Program  “How You Can Prepare”

Emergency Evacuation Guidelines and Procedures

Building Information

Mudd – 2233 Tech Drive

Cook Hall – 2220 Campus Drive

Rescue Assistance:

For those who cannot evacuate, describe the designated area of rescue assistance, i.e. designated stairwell or in an office behind a closed door

Phone Numbers

All emergencies
Dial 911 from any phone

Non-emergencies
Dial 456 from any campus phone to reach the University Police
(312) 503-3456 Chicago University Police
(847) 491-3456 Evanston University Police
Emergency Procedures

**Medical Emergency**

**CALL FOR HELP**
- If trained, administer CPR and AED as appropriate
- If not trained, stay clear
- Direct first responders to scene
- Re-enter only when directed

**Hazardous Materials**

**EVACUATE**
- Alert people in immediate area to evacuate
- Unless trained, do not attempt to clean spill
- If personally contaminated, seek eye wash/emergency shower as appropriate

**Tornado**

**SEEK SHELTER**
- Seek shelter inside
- Move to lowest interior space of building away from windows
- Crouch near floor or under heavy well supported metal objects
- Monitor official weather sources

**Natural Gas Leak**

**STAY CLEAR**
- Leave area and go to exterior location
- Do not operate any electrical devices or equipment with open flames
- Re-enter only when directed

**Fire**

**EVACUATE**
- Activate fire alarm, proceed to nearest exit
- Assist persons with disabilities
- Meet at assembly area
- Account for individuals
- Re-enter only when directed

**Suspicious Activity**

**REPORT, STAY CLEAR**
- Always report suspicious or unusual activity to University Police or local law enforcement
- Do not touch or disturb unknown or suspicious items
- Secure belongings and assets

**Active Shooter**

**RUN, HIDE, FIGHT**
- Evacuate if a safe route is available
- If unsafe to escape:
  - Seek protection
  - Lock or barricade door
  - Stay behind solid objects
  - Silence your cell phone, remain quiet
  - Follow police direction

**Power Outage**

**EVALUATE**
- Secure experiments
- Isolate hazardous areas to prevent harm and/or evacuate building as necessary
- Report persons trapped in elevators