

01000S06 - Fire Response Procedures

It is imperative that contractors/vendors and University maintenance/construction personnel react immediately should a fire condition be discovered within the work area or should the fire alarm be activated outside the work area. The following are standard University procedures that are required and must be implemented. All contractors/vendors and University maintenance/construction employees are to be trained in these procedures. Directors of the Campus Physical Plant and the Medical Center Physical Plant are further referenced to the UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (issued February 1994) that is to be implemented for fire emergencies.

Person Discovering a Fire

- **ACTIVATE THE FIRE ALARM.** Without endangering yourself, rescue and/or assist anyone in immediate danger. Close the doors in the fire area.
- **PROCEED TO A SAFE LOCATION AND CALL 911** to report the fire. Give the building's name, room number, and any special conditions.
- **MEET THE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS** (firemen/U.K. Police) and upon their arrival, advise them of the conditions as you know they exist.
- **DO NOT RE-ENTER THE BUILDING** unless requested by and accompanied by the firemen to the scene.

When the Fire Alarm Sounds

- **IMMEDIATELY EVACUATE** the building. Treat all alarms as a real emergency. Close the door as you leave the room. Always use the exit stairs. Never use an elevator.
- **FEEL THE DOOR.** A "too hot to touch door" means the fire is outside the door.
- **CRAWL** should you get caught in smoke. If necessary, go to the window and signal for help.
- **ASSIST A PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED PERSON TO THE CLOSEST EXIT STAIRWELL** and advise emergency personnel of this condition.
- **UPON EVACUATION,** go to a safe location outside. If possible, account for everyone in your work group.
- **NEVER RE-ENTER THE BUILDING** until fire officials give the approval.
- **REPORT** anyone causing a false alarm to the emergency responding personnel

It is to be noted that the above procedures do not require an employee to use a fire extinguisher. Should an employee decide to use an extinguisher, she/he must be properly trained and must do so without endangering themselves or others. It is strongly emphasized that priority must be given to activating the fire alarm system before utilizing a fire extinguisher.