

FIRE ALARM PANEL FAQ

Most healthcare areas in OHSU have a Fire Alarm Annunciator. These devices help occupants identify the location of a Fire Alarm Activation. Here are a few tips for using these panels.

Where is my Fire Alarm Annunciator?

- In most healthcare areas of OHS Hospital, Kohler Pavilion and Doernbecher Children's Hospital.
- Most are located at or near the main nurse's station.



What is "normal"?

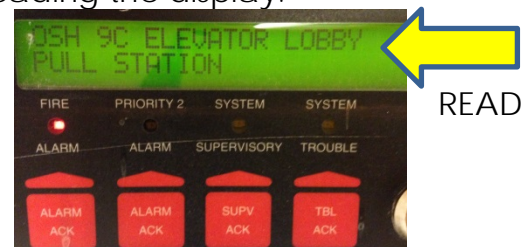
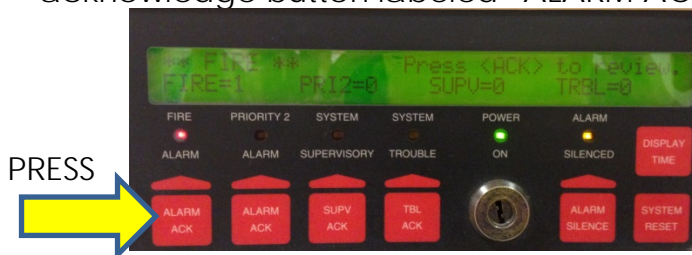
- Most of the time your Fire Alarm Annunciator will display: "SYSTEM IS NORMAL".
- This means that there is not currently a fire alarm activation on your floor.

What does it mean when the panel reads "SYSTEM IS NORMAL", however the fire alarm has been activated (I can hear bells and see the strobes)?

- This means that a fire alarm has been activated on another floor of your building.
- This does not mean you can ignore the alarm. You should proceed with **R.A.C.E.**
 - Clear corridors in preparation of potential relocation or evacuation.
 - Close doors and reassure patients and visitors, including any unattended waiting areas.
 - Listen for the overhead page for information about exact Code Red location.

The Fire Alarm Annunciator shows a red light and reads "FIRE", now what?

- This means that a fire alarm has been activated on your floor or on another floor of your building.
- You can use this panel to find the location of the fire alarm by pressing the alarm acknowledge button labeled "ALARM ACK" and reading the display.



Is that all the Fire Alarm Annunciator does?

- The Fire Alarm Annunciator might beep during an alarm. This is normal.
- The annunciator can also display system troubles.
- It can be used by OHSU First Responders to silence and reset the system.

Still have questions?

- Contact the OHSU Fire Systems Team at fire@ohsu.edu.



The Joint Commission - Environment of Care Standards guide OHSU in this material. The Environment of Care Committee offers this tool to help remind employees of safety polices and best practices. Please post or share this information with staff. **November 2014**