



EC Highlights: Calling All Actors

OHSU is adjusting the way we perform and evaluate fire drills within our Healthcare buildings. While we all know that healthcare buildings are 'defend in place' during a smoke or fire event, the current way of doing fire drills doesn't highlight current staff knowledge or show how we actually perform R.A.C.E. Starting in 2011, our Fire Code Specialist will be asking staff members to 'act out' R.A.C.E during fire drills, rather than having staff recite (or read) R.A.C.E. from the available resources.

Staff will be given a scenario such as: "The trash can within your patient room is on fire and you've discovered it. What do you do?" Staff should then perform the expected fire response actions!

- ✓ Remember: in a real fire, time is of the essence. Staff will be evaluated on their quick response.

Can you R.A.C.E. in under a minute?



Staff will be expected to:

- **Rescue** the patient and anyone else in danger. This might also involve having your colleagues help by clearing the corridors of clutter.
- **Activate** the fire alarm **and** call 4-4444 with details. Don't worry, Public Safety Dispatch knows that we are conducting a drill.
- **Contain** the fire by closing patient room doors (within the entire unit or area).
- **Extinguish** the fire, if it's safe to do so, or **Evacuate**, if needed. This requires staff to know where their closest fire extinguisher is **and** where their closest fire doors are located (hint: look for the **red** flame decal).



Patient, visitor and staff safety during a smoke or fire event is a serious matter. Please do your part and participate in these fire drills, if asked.

Questions? Call Environmental Health & Radiation Safety at 503-494-7795.

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.

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