



Fire Safety

The goal of fire safety is to teach fire prevention basics. With the ban of tobacco products from OHSU buildings, our primary concern is fire started by electrical devices and equipment.

It is every employee's job to ensure that all equipment is in good working order or is reported immediately for repair. Watch for frayed or loose cord connections and excessive heat production while in operation. Pay close attention to what could catch on fire in the area where heat producing equipment is being used.

Fire in your area? Remember to RACE...

- R** - Rescue anyone in immediate danger.
- A** - Activate the alarm and dial the emergency number.
- C** - Confine the fire by closing all doors and windows.
- E** - Evacuate, if appropriate, and/or extinguish, if you choose.

If you hear a fire alarm, but the fire is **not** in your area, do one of the following (**depending on your work area designation**):

Office Occupancy:

- Close all windows and doors;
- Reassure visitors; and
- Evacuate the entire building by following exit signs down rated stairs and exits.

Hospital Occupancy:

- Close all windows and doors.
- Reassure patients and visitors.
- Evacuate **ONLY** if instructed to do so; otherwise stay put, but prepare to evacuate.
- Listen for the "All Clear" overhead page to resume normal activity.

Area of Rescue - If you need to evacuate and have a physical disability that prevents you from taking the stairs, the place to wait for help is just inside stairwell landings. Responding firefighters check these areas first for those in need of assistance.

Fire Extinguishers - OHSU does not expect you to fight a fire in your work area, however we do provide fire extinguishers for those who choose to use them. Training is provided free of charge for those who desire it. Do **not** use one if you do not feel comfortable!

Training is offered by OHSU Environmental Health and Radiation Safety (503 494-7795) in both live sessions and online.

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