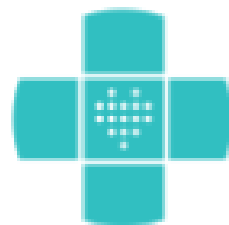


Fire Safety



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Fire Safety Objectives

- Recognize your role in the event of a fire.
- Use the acronym **RACE** to remember priorities for responding to a fire.
- Use the acronym **PASS** to remember how to use a fire extinguisher.
- Recognize the types of evacuation and when each should be used.



The Goal of Fire Safety is to:

- Prevent fires from happening.
- Promote an awareness of fire safety issues with a commitment to the protection of saving lives.

*Smoke inhalation is the biggest danger
and #1 killer in a fire.*



Fire Facts

- Fire is fast. It may take just 2 - 3 minutes to go from a tiny flame to a raging inferno.
- Fire is hot. Heat can kill before it wakes you.
- Smoke is a killer! Smoke contains toxic gases that can kill in minutes.



Fire Safety Tips

In case of fire:

- Do not use the elevator.
 - Elevator controls are heat sensitive and can malfunction causing you to become trapped.
- Be aware of your surroundings: know the location of the closest exits, fire alarm pull box, and fire extinguishers.

RACE

An easy way to remember fire safety principles is by using the acronym **RACE**:

- **R**escue anyone in danger
- **A**larm (call 911/pull fire alarm)
- **C**lose doors / **C**onfine fire
- **E**xtinguish fire



Classifications of Fire

Class A: Ordinary combustible material, such as paper, cloth, wood, and some plastics

Class B: Liquids, oil, and gases

Class C: Electrical such as live energized electrical equipment

Class B - C: Carbon Dioxide. Use this extinguisher on electrical fires or burning liquids.

Class A B C: Dry Powder Use this extinguisher on all types of fires. This is the type we have at the Free Clinic

Fire Extinguisher in 4 Easy Steps

Follow these four easy steps to operate a fire extinguisher.

PASS:

Pull the pin.

Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the handle.

Sweep the fire extinguisher from side to side at the base of the fire until the fire dies out.

Relocate / Evacuate

If the fire cannot be extinguished, relocate or evacuate

- Relocation means moving patients, visitors, and personnel away from the fire to the closest area of safety. Place patients behind the closest fire door

Or

- Evacuate the building to safety



Conclusion

- Use the acronym **RACE** to remember priorities for responding to a fire.
- Use the acronym **PASS** to remember how to use a fire extinguisher.
- Recognize the need to evacuate or relocate patients and staff



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