Cato - Building Emergency Evacuation Plan

This plan establishes fire and life safety procedures to ensure all University buildings are evacuated in a safe and orderly manner. The cause for building evacuation could be related to fire, hazardous materials, severe weather, or other hazardous conditions. The building emergency evacuation plan should be reviewed in conjunction with the University’s Emergency Manual, Campus Evacuation Plan, Disability Services Emergency Procedures, and any department specific emergency guidelines. The Office of Environmental Health and Safety should be contacted for more information.

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Fire and Life Safety Information

Evacuation Assembly Location

Assembly Location for 1st and 2nd floor occupants – Walk directly towards the East Parking Deck but do not cross the street. Turn right when you reach the street and walk until you have reached the fourth lamp post/street light. Assembly Location 3rd floor occupants – Fretwell (due to Construction activity at the Denny Complex)

Area(s) of Refuge

Stairwells

Emergency Access

The normal emergency access route for emergency services will be Mary Alexander Road.

Equipment

Fire hydrants are readily visible near building. Fire alarm system, sprinklers, and portable fire extinguishers are located within the building.

Building Occupancy

Business – The use of building for office, professional, or service type transactions, including storage of records and accounts.
Fire Evacuation Procedure

1. Any building occupant discovering a fire, witnessing an explosion, smelling smoke or other unusual odors suggesting a possible fire or conditions favorable for fire, shall immediately pull the building fire alarm pull station. If feasible, Police should be contacted at [FROM CAMPUS PHONE: 911 / FROM CELL PHONE: (704) 687-2200].

2. When the emergency alarm is activated, building occupants will be notified by audible alarms, visual strobes, air horn or verbal announcement (This is an emergency, evacuate using the nearest safe exit route.).

3. Building occupants must evacuate using the nearest safe exit route once the emergency alarm is activated. Mobility impaired individuals on upper floors should evacuate using the nearest fire safe exit route and wait for emergency response assistance in the nearest fire safe stairwell (area of refuge). Physically impaired individuals should be identified for assistance by fellow occupants and reported to the building Safety Monitor, Police, Fire Department, or other emergency first responder. DO NOT USE ELEVATOR.

4. Building occupants should evacuate to the designated evacuation assembly location (see above).

5. Building occupants must check-in with their immediate supervisor or designee for accounting purposes. The immediate supervisor or designee should report unaccounted-for personnel to the Safety Monitor. The Safety Monitor should report unaccounted for personnel to Police, Fire Department, or other emergency first responders.

6. The building shall not be re-entered until authorized personnel (e.g., Police, Fire Department, and/or EHS) indicate it is safe to re-enter.

7. The Charlotte Fire Department (CFD) will be notified by Police in the event of a fire or other emergency situation. Rescue and medical response will be coordinated by Charlotte Fire Department.

8. No building occupant is designated to remain behind to operate critical equipment; however, if deemed mission critical the appropriate person remaining behind must immediately contact Police at [FROM CAMPUS PHONE: 911 / FROM CELL PHONE: (704) 687-2200].

9. Safety Monitors are responsible for assisting in safe and orderly building evacuation.

Fire Safety Procedure

1. The building evacuation assembly location(s), fire department access routes and fire hydrants are listed in the Fire and Life Safety section. The building evacuation floor plan map(s) should be posted in readily accessible locations within the building. The evacuation floor plan map(s) should include the following: exits, primary evacuation routes, secondary evacuation routes, accessible egress routes, areas of refuge, exterior areas of assisted rescue, manual fire alarm boxes, portable fire extinguishers, occupant-use hose stations, fire alarm annunciators and controls. Please contact Facilities Maintenance or Safety Monitor if building evacuation floor plan map(s) are not available in your building.

2. Major hazards and control procedures
   a. Flammable Liquids: Work practices are designed to minimize incidents and fires. Flammable liquid quantities over 25 gallons are stored in a flammable storage cabinet. Work practices are designed to minimize vapor release.
   b. Combustible Storage: Clearance of at least 18 inches is maintained between storage of sprinkler heads and 24 inches of the ceiling. Egress pathways are maintained.
   c. Housekeeping procedures control accumulation of combustible waste. Combustible waste is removed from work areas on a routine basis.
   d. All building work areas are protected by a fire alarm system and portable fire extinguishers.
   e. Heat producing equipment and fuel sources are routinely evaluated to prevent accidental ignition of combustible materials.

3. Facilities personnel are responsible for maintaining fire protection equipment and systems.

4. Facilities personnel are responsible for the maintenance, housekeeping, and control of fuel hazard sources.