St. John's University

Fire Safety Plan



Notre Dame Hall

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Fire Safety Plan Part 1-Building Information Section

Notre Dame Hall

300 Howard Ave. Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

Fire Safety Director: Robert Gleason

Address: ROTC Building Room 111

168-10 Goethals Ave Jamaica NY 11439

Telephone: (718) 990-2587

Building Information:

Year of Construction: 1938

Type of Construction: Combustible - Basement: mechanical, storage

1st Floor: 5 offices, maintenance shop, storage room

2ndFloor: 2 offices

Number of Floors: 2 above grade, 1 below grade.

Sprinkler System: None

Sprinkler System Coverage: None

Fire Extinguisher: Yes, "A" Type and "ABC" Type

Stand Pipe: None

Fire Alarm: None

Public Address System: Yes. There is an Emergency Public Address System located throughout the

building.

Means of Egress: Interior Stair, 3 Exit Doors.

Type of EgressIdentificationLocationLeads toStairwellNoneNorth, $1^{st} - 2^{nd}$ FL. 1^{st} FL. HallwayExit DoorNoneNorth, South, West: 1^{st} FL.Exterior to grade

Other information: This building houses Plant Operations and The College of Professional Studies.

Smoking in the building is prohibited at all times.

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ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

Fire Safety Plan Part II – Fire Emergency Information

BUILDING: Notre Dame Hall

ADDRESS: 300 Howard Ave. Staten Island, N.Y. 10301

THIS FIRE SAFETY PLAN IS INTENDED TO HELP YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR BUILDING PROTECT YOURSELVES IN THE EVENT OF FIRE. THIS FIRE SAFETY PLAN CONTAINS:

- Basic fire prevention and fire preparedness measures that will reduce the risk of fire and maximize your safety in the event of a fire.
- Basic information about your building, including the type of construction, the different ways of exiting the building, and the types of fire safety systems it may have.
- Emergency fire safety and evacuation instructions in the event of fire in your building.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS FIRE SAFETY PLAN AND TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE MEMBERS OF YOUR BUILDING. FIRE PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS, AND AWARENESS CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE!

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE,

CALL PUBLIC SAFETY AT (390-4487)

BASIC FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE PREPAREDNESS MEASURES

These are fire safety tips that everybody should follow:

- 1. Carelessly handled or discarded cigarettes are a leading cause of fire deaths. Never smoke inside the building. Be sure you completely extinguish and discard every cigarette prior to entering the building.
- 2. Never overload electrical outlets. Do not use electrical cords that are cracked or frayed. Never run extension cords across paths of travel. Use only power strips with circuit breakers. Use only fire retardant rugs and furnishings.
- 3. Keep all doorways leading to corridors and fire exits free of obstructions, and report any obstructions or accumulations in hallways, stairways or other means of egress to the Department of Public Safety.
- 4. Familiarize yourself with the location of exit doors, stairway and other means of egress in the building.
- 5. When you hear a fire alarm signal go to the nearest exit and proceed to the outside of the building. Do not re-enter the building unless given the all-clear message.
- 6. All decorations and artificial Christmas trees must be either inherently fire retardant or treated with a fire retardant chemical and they must be labeled as such for it to be accepted as fire retardant.
- 7. Candles that can be lit are not allowed for any decorations and/or indoor ceremonies.
- 8. Christmas trees and any other holiday decoration should not be placed in any required exit pathway.
- 9. Natural Christmas trees, wreaths and branches are not permitted in any campus building.
- 10. Artificial trees may be decorated with electric lights. However, only U.L. listed miniature lights in perfect working condition may be used. <u>Metallic trees</u> should not be decorated with any type of electrical decorations or devices.
- 11. All electrical lights must be turned off when you leave the area.

BUILDING INFORMATION

Building construction

This is a combustible building. The structural materials are not intended to confine the fire to the room of origin. In this type of building fire can usually be expected to spread from the room of origin. Evacuation from the building should be immediate followed by prompt notification of **Public Safety at 390-4487**.

In addition to the buildings structural members the contents of the building pose a fire risk. They may burn, smolder, generate heat and smoke as well as toxic gases. The toxic gas component of fire is what causes the most fire deaths. Smoke and toxic gases have the capacity to travel far beyond the area of actual fire.

Means of Egress

This building is equipped with multiple exits. Your safest exit is the route that quickly and safely provides you with access to the exterior at grade such as doors that open directly to the outside.

It is important that you familiarize yourself with the location of the exits in the building. You should also know the arrangement of your secondary exit. This is because sometimes, a fire may block your path to your primary exit.

Interior Fire Alarm System

This building **does not** have a Fire Alarm system. Evacuation from the building should be immediate followed by prompt notification of **Public Safety at 390-4487**. In the event of a fire you should call **Public Safety at 390-4487** to report the fire. Do not assume that **Public Safety** has been called unless you see firefighters on the scene.

EMERGENCY FIRE SAFETY AND EVACUATION INSTRUCTIONS

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE EVACUATE THE BUILDING. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN WHICH YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO DECIDE ON A COURSE OF ACTION TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR BUILDING.

THIS FIRE SAFETY PLAN IS INTENDED TO ASSIST YOU IN SELECTING THE SAFEST COURSE OF ACTION IN SUCH AN EMERGENCY. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO FIRE SAFETY PLAN CAN ACCOUNT FOR ALL OF THE POSSIBLE FACTORS AND CHANGING CONDITIONS; YOU WILL HAVE TO DECIDE FOR YOURSELF WHAT IS THE SAFEST COURSE OF ACTION UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

General Emergency Fire Safety Instructions

- 1. Stay calm. Do not panic. Notify **Public Safety at 390-4487** as soon as possible. Firefighters will be on the scene of a fire within minutes of receiving an alarm.
- 2. Because flame, heat and smoke rise, generally a fire on a floor below your suite presents a greater threat to your safety than a fire on a floor above your suite.
- 3. Do not overestimate your ability to put out a fire. Most fires cannot be easily or safely extinguished. Do not attempt to put the fire out once it begins to quickly spread. If you attempt to put a fire out, make sure you have a clear path of retreat from the room.
- 4. When you exit the building during a fire, close all doors as you exit to confine the fire.
- 5. Heat, smoke and gases emitted by burning materials can quickly choke you. If you are caught in a heavy smoke condition, get down on the floor and crawl. Take short breaths, breathing through your nose.
- 6. If your clothes catch fire, don't run. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands to protect your face and lungs and roll over to smother the flames.

FIRE SAFETY NOTICES

IN THE EVENT OF FIRE, STAY CALM. EVACUATE THE BUILDING. IF YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION, USE YOUR JUDGMENT AS TO THE SAFEST COURSE OF ACTION, GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

YOU ARE IN A COMBUSTIBLE BUILDING

Evacuation Instructions If There Is A Fire In Your Area

- 1. Close the door to the room where the fire is and leave the room.
- 2. Use the nearest exit door to leave the building.
- 3. Call **Public Safety at 390-4487** once you reach a safe location outside the building. Do not assume the fire has been reported unless firefighters are on the scene.
- 4. Assemble outside the building. Notify the firefighters if anyone is unaccounted for.

If The Fire Is Not In Your Area

- 1. Evacuate as indicated above.
- 2. If you cannot safely exit your building, call **Public Safety at 390-4487** and tell them your location, floor, unit number and the number of people in your area.
- 3. Seal the doors to your area with wet towels or sheets, and seal air ducts or other openings where smoke may enter.
- 4. Open windows a few inches at top and bottom unless flames and smoke are coming from below.
- 5. Do not break any windows.
- 6. If conditions in the room appear life-threatening, open a window and wave a towel or sheet to attract the attention of firefighters.
- 7. If smoke conditions worsen before help arrives, get down on the floor and take short breaths through your nose. If possible, retreat to a balcony or terrace away from the source of the smoke, heat or fire.

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