



Fire Safety at UFHP Clinics

Clinic Safety

Environmental Health and Safety

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Fire Safety at all UF Health Physicians (UFHP) Clinics

- All staff must follow fire alarm and emergency responder instructions – these instructions may be building specific.
- All UFHP Clinics have posted a site specific “orange form” to be used as a refresher if needed. Please locate these in your sites.
- Follow **RACE**
 1. **R**escue all in danger
 2. **A**larm must be initiated – building pull stations, verbal, 911, etc
 3. **C**onfine the fire and ensure escape routes are clear by closing doors
 4. **E**vacuate the building – do not use a fire extinguisher



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- All staff should also know **PASS**, the acronym used for using an extinguisher.
 1. **P**ull the pin of the extinguisher
 2. **A**im the nozzle at the base of the fire
 3. **S**queeze the handle
 4. **S**weep with the contents until the fire is extinguished



Aiding the Mobility Impaired

- If there are any patients, escorts, visitors, or staff in the clinic that cannot use the stairs to evacuate:
 - Applies to the Medical Plaza, Springhill, Orthopaedic Institute, Main St., The Oaks, and Halifax as these sites have multiple floors and elevators or stairs needed to move from floor to floor.
 - Staff need to get everyone within this criteria into the stairwells once they are cleared of other evacuating people.
 - Close the door to the stairwell, this is a “2-hour refuge” area.
 - Have a staff member with a radio or cell phone stay with the people in the stairwell.
 - Report the location to the Fire Department at their command post.
 - Call 911 and report location and number of people needing assistance. Ask that this be relayed to the on-site command post.
 - It is the Fire Departments decision and responsibility to remove the people from the stairwell.



Clinics at the UFH Shands Hospital

- Alarm Announcements:
 1. **“Code Red, Level __, Section __”**
 - a) Fire alarm in the building
 - b) Close doors and remain in place – pay attention to further announcements.

 2. **“Code Red, Code Red, Code Red”**
 - a. Fire alarm is in your area
 - b. Evacuate patients, visitors, and staff to atrium of dental sciences building lobby
 - c. If patients are in distress, go to the ER, ATDU by the 6 pack elevators or call a Code Blue #66 from a safe location.



Clinics at Medical Plaza

- When lights and chimes activate – building must be evacuated.
- All staff must escort patients to the patient parking garage.
- Do not re-enter the building until and “all clear” is given by responders.



Clinics at the Orthopaedic Institute

- If alarm sounds, evacuate building.
- All staff must take patients to rear parking lot for head count.
- Do not re-enter the building until the “all clear” is given by responders.



Community-Based Clinics

- Some clinics do have a building alarm system, but some do not. Know the buildings emergency response plan.
- If an alarm sounds – evacuate.
- If there is no alarm – tell all staff and patients of the fire or emergency verbally.
- Evacuate the building.
- Go to the designated rally point.
- Do not reenter the building until an “all clear” is given by responders.