

EMERGENCY RESPONSE - FIRE

Response

Personnel, including physicians and Licensed Independent Practitioners (LIP's), who are at or near the fire's point of origin, shall follow the procedures outlined by the R.A.C.E acronym:

R.A.C.E: An acronym that hospital personnel use to remember their duties in case of fire. It stands for RESCUE, ALARM, CONFINE, EXTINGUISH/EVACUATE

- Rescue all patients, visitors, team members, and volunteers from immediate danger.
- Alarm by pulling the closest fire pull-station and by dialing 5555 (or 911 in off campus and leased facilities) and report the location of the fire.
- Confine the area by closing all doors.
- Extinguish the fire if the fire is small (use P.A.S.S). Evacuate patients from the area if instructed to do so by fire officials or hospital leadership.

P.A.S.S: An acronym that hospital personnel use to remember their duties for discharging a fire extinguisher. It stands for PULL, AIM, SQUEEZE, SWEEP

- Pull – Pulling the pin breaks the tamper seal, making the extinguisher ready for use
- Aim – Aim at the base of the fire
- Squeeze – Squeeze the handle to discharge the extinguisher at the fire
- Sweep – Sweep from side to side, keeping the extinguisher pointed at the base of the fire until the fire has gone out. Be careful, as the fire could reignite – repeat steps 2-4 if the is the case

If you are not working in a patient care area, go to the personal pool located in the hallway outside of Hospital Admin/Quality. Do not pass through the area of the reported fire to get there.

If you are working in a patient care area, check on your patients and keep them safe. Remove all equipment in use from the corridor, prepare for evacuation, keep patients and others calm.

If you need further information, refer to the Environment of Care Page on the Hannibal Regional Intranet.