

Basics of Gundersen Health System

Fire Safety and Evacuation

Key Terms for Fire Safety

R – Rescue And Remove

A – Activate The Buildings Fire Alarm

C – Call 911 From An Internal Phone For Any Emergency

E – Evacuation And Extinguish

P – Pull The Pin

A – Aim The Hose At The Base Of The Fire

S – Squeeze The Handle

S – Sweep Side To Side

Evacuation Types

Defend in Place:

Stay on your unit and prepare to evacuate when a fire alarm goes off in your building. Locate your near exit by looking exit lights and follow them if instructed to evacuate via overhead page or the fire department.

Horizontal Evacuation:

If a fire occurs, move horizontally through the building, passing through fire and smoke doors to create separation between you and the fire.

(NOTE: Fire/Smoke doors are the doors that close when fire alarm sounds in a building.)

Vertical Evacuation:

If a fire occurs and vertical evacuation is necessary, move all patients and visitors to the nearest stairwell. Be sure the stairwell door closes to limit the transfer of smoke. Each Exit Stairwell at Gundersen is rated as a 2 hour protection barrier for smoke and fire. If you are unable to traverse patients or visitors down the stairs, you can defend in place until assistance arrives.

Floor Orientation

Ask to see where the following items on your floor/unit are located when assigned:

- Fire/Smoke Doors
- Locate the Fire Extinguishers
- Fire Alarm Pull Stations (**This is the A in RACE for activate the fire alarm**)
- Exit Stairwell (**NOTE: These stairs are marked with an Exit Light above the Door**)
- Know what RACE and PASS stand for
- Know the *THREE* types of evacuation

Basic Fire Plan On Any Unit During A Fire Alarm Or Fire Drill

- Stop working and listen for overhead page announcements
- Prepare to evacuate from the floor with your patients or visitors
- Do not start any new patient treatments or procedures
- Gather any necessary ambulation, life support or mobility equipment to assist during a potential evacuation
- Wait for the ALL CLEAR page before continuing your work