



October's Feature: Review of Emergency Action Plan

What to do when an emergency arises in Edgerton House? Well, get yourself out of danger quickly. This is your first priority, as well as the bottom line in the Edgerton House Emergency Action Plan. Other important points from the Plan are summarized below.

Preparation for fire emergency: Become familiar with the exit door closest to your room. Locate and become familiar with an alternate/secondary exit. Always plan on leaving the building when you hear the alarm. Establish a rally point outside the building. Plan for those with hearing, mobility or visual impairments. There should be an emergency exit plan behind the door to your suite. If there is not, please contact Kelly Klima at x5-8200 or klima@mit.edu.

Fire Marshals: Volunteer Fire Marshals have been briefed in procedures. Please direct any fire emergency preparation questions to them. At least one fire marshal has been assigned to each building of Edgerton. The buildings are designated as follows;

Building A: East apartments (x25 – x40)

Building B: North (x19 – x24)

Building C: West (x10 – x15)

Building D: South (x00 – x09)

Fire Alarm: Learn to recognize the fire alarm signal. In Edgerton, the fire alarm sound is “slow whoop” (*yes, seriously*), speakers continuous. In an emergency, activate the fire alarm by breaking the glass with the attached striker.



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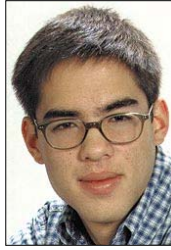
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Emergency phone number: dial 100. Give your name, the building, and the location of the emergency in the building, your location, and a description of the problem. Speak slowly and clearly.

EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY WHEN AN ALARM IS SOUNDED.

Evacuation Procedure: Leave the building! Shut off electrical appliances. Leave lights on. Close doors and windows. If you lock your door, take your keys with you. Alert others around you. Assist any special-needs people in evacuating. Walk, don't run, and keep to the right of hallways. Proceed to the front of 224 Albany St, NW30, aka the Warehouse. In inclement weather, go into the lobby of 224 Albany St, NW30, and await further instructions. Look for others from the House to ensure that everyone has evacuated. Give info about the fire or about people who might still be in the building. Do not re-enter the building until the alarm stops sounding.

If all exits are obstructed and you cannot leave, crawl or stay low to the floor, feel hardware (like door handles) for heat. If you cannot get to the exit stairs, keep your room door closed. Put towels around the door to prevent smoke

from entering. Stay low and move to a window. Dial 100 if possible to let Campus Police know where you are.

And....keep calm. Always evacuate when the alarm sounds. Do not call Campus Police or Physical Plant to ask if there is a real fire or emergency. Do not use the elevator. Do not run if your clothes catch on fire. Drop to the floor and roll back and forth to smother the flames. Call for help.

Exit horizontally: (*Not flat on your back...a horizontal evacuation means that you should*) move on the same floor to another section in the same building or an adjacent building instead of exiting vertically via the stairs or elevator. For horizontal evacuation to be effective, you've got to pass through smoke or fire doors, or a fire wall. These will keep deadly smoke and fire confined long enough to make an escape or rescue possible. The advantage to horizontal evacuation is that one may remain inside, protected from the weather and avoid descending over stairs. This is the primary method of emergency evacuation of people with physical limitations.

A few words from your House Association...

By Jeanne Lafortune, Edgerton House Secretary

Please welcome our new officers!



What common equipment does Edgerton have?

Common Space Officer Barbara Botros monitors common spaces and equipment, including the small lounge, the BBQ pits, the recycling rooms, the dance room, the music room and the video library. If you have any idea/suggestions about these spaces, please contact her at: eha-common-space@mit.edu
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How do I get onto the email list?

Information Technology Chairperson Jared Ahern maintains the Edgerton resident email lists, web server, printer, fax machine, and more. If you have any new ideas of what you would like to see on our website, please contact him at: eha-it@mit.edu. Please remember, however, that Jared tasks do not include solving residents' software and hardware problems. For that, please contact the IT help desk at: 617-253-1101 or at computing-help@mit.edu.
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Town Hall Meeting, September 26th, 2005

Thanks to all the residents who participated in our Town Hall Meeting on September 26th. We received from you valuable feedback on what you would like us to focus on during the rest of our mandate. Topics discussed included webpage content, reservation system for videos, equipment and rooms, House Fellow program, entrance phone restrictions, an overview of social and sports related events for the Fall, etc. If you missed the meeting and would like to make comments/suggestions to the board, please do not hesitate to contact Jeanne, the house secretary at eha-secretary@mit.edu.