## **EVACUATION**

**IF AN ALARM IS ACTIVATED** and/or an **EVACUATION IS ORDERED** by the Administrative Judge or designee:

- REMAIN CALM and follow instructions from the fire/safety wardens and instructions issued on the public address system.
- TAKE PERSONAL BELONGINGS (wallets, keys, medication, cell phone, etc.) ONLY if they are readily available.
- IF AT ANY POINT YOU ARE UNSURE as to how to respond to an alarm, proceed with evacuation.
- CLOSE INTERIOR DOORS behind you. Leave doors unlocked as you exit.
- PROCEED along the primary EXIT PATH to the fire exit stairwell. Direct members of the public to the designated stairway. DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS.
- PROCEED INTO THE DESIGNATED STAIRWAY in an orderly fashion using your primary exit pathway. Using handrails, walk, DO NOT RUN, to the designated evacuation floor, or, in the event of a building evacuation, proceed down the stairway through the building exit to the designated assembly area.
- REMAIN ON THE DESIGNATED EVACUATION FLOOR until directed to return to your office, or, in the event of a building evacuation, remain in the designated assembly area to await further instructions.
- **DO NOT RE-ENTER** the building unless you are instructed to do so by the Fire/Safety Warden or Fire Department.
- In the event of an evacuation, the DESIGNATED ASSEMBLY AREA for this building is:

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- If you discover smoke or fire, immediately activate the nearest fire pull box.
- **FEEL THE DOOR** before opening it. Don't open the door if it's hot. Use an alternate route.
- IF YOU ARE TRAPPED, close as many doors as you can between you and the fire, and SEAL the cracks with a wet cloth or tape to keep smoke out. If there is a phone, CALL the Fire Department (911) to tell them exactly where you are. Otherwise, WAIT at a window and try to SIGNAL for help with a light colored cloth or a flashlight.
- DO NOT BLOCK OR WEDGE OPEN STAIRWELL DOORS during an evacuation. Fire doors leading to stairwells are only effective when they are closed.
- IF YOU GET CAUGHT IN SMOKE, get down and crawl. Smoke rises, so there will be cleaner, cooler air near the floor.
- If your clothes catch fire, remember to STOP, DROP AND ROLL.

## **PLANNING**

- IDENTIFY PERSONAL BELONGINGS (keys, wallets, medication, etc.) that you would take with you in an evacuation and keep them readily accessible.
- BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE EMERGENCY EXIT, fire pullbox locations, evacuation maps, emergency telephone numbers and designated assembly area for your building.
- PARTICIPATE IN FIRE DRILLS to become familiar with your building evacuation routes and procedures.
- KNOW WHO THE FIRE/SAFETY WARDEN IS for your floor.
- NOTIFY YOUR FIRE/SAFETY WARDEN if you have any disability that could delay your escape.