



University of Pittsburgh

Cathedral of Learning

4200 Fifth Avenue

Occupant Information

This information is for occupants of The Cathedral of Learning. University guidelines for workplace safety, emergency preparedness and emergency response are found in the University of Pittsburgh Safety Manual <https://www.ehs.pitt.edu/manual> and the University of Pittsburgh Emergency Management Guidelines found on <https://www.emergency.pitt.edu/resources/emergency-management-guidelines>.

The Cathedral of Learning has fire protection features that enable the use of a zoned fire alarm system, which means that the floor of the emergency and only one floor above and one floor below the site of the emergency, will signal fire alarm conditions. *If the fire alarm signal (audible horns/speakers and visual strobe lights) activates on your floor, **evacuate the building**.* The fire alarm pull stations are located at the exit doors and near the stairwells.

1. **If you hear or observe the fire alarm signal:**
 - i. Verify that your floor is involved in the emergency by observing the strobe signals.
 - ii. Close the door behind you and evacuate the building by following the EXIT signs to nearest stairwell or exterior door. Do not use the elevators during an alarm condition, unless directed by an emergency responder.
 - iii. Proceed to an assembly point away from the building. The closest assembly area for the Cathedral of Learning is Alumni Hall at 4227 Fifth Avenue.
 - iv. Do not re-enter until the “all clear” signal is given by the police or fire department.

2. **Upon discovery of smoke or fire:**

- i. Alert anyone in immediate danger.
- ii. Close the door to contain smoke or fire.
- iii. Activate the nearest pull station.**
- iv. Evacuate the building.

Note: If you cannot activate the pull station and you are in a safe area, call 911 or call University Police at 412-624-2121.

3. **Evacuation Plan:**

Evacuate using the nearest stairwell upon any activation of the emergency alarm on your floor. For general information on evacuation, visit the [Safe Building Evacuation](#) in the Fire Safety section of the EH&S website. In the event of a prolonged evacuation or hazardous weather conditions, an assembly area will be established, and you will be notified by a University representative of the location. The short-term assembly area for the Cathedral of Learning is Alumni Hall. In the event of a major emergency, the long-term assembly area for the Cathedral of Learning is the Petersen Events Center.

If you cannot follow the University's Building Evacuation Procedures due to a temporary or permanent physical impairment, please contact Pitt EH&S 412-624-9505 and request development of an Individualized Evacuation Plan.

Evacuation Routes:

Floor 36-35 - Exit using stairwell G down to floor 34, then enter stairwell A and proceed down to floor 1;

Or;

Exit using stairwell G down to floor 34, then enter stairwell A and proceed to floor 31, then enter stairwell G and egress to floor 1.

Floor 34-32 - Exit using stairwell A down to floor 1,

Or,

Exit using stairwell A to floor 31, then proceed to stairwell G and egress to floor 1.

Floor 31-5 – Exit using stairwell A down to floor 1,

Or,

Exit using stairwell G down to floor 1.

Floor 4 – Exit using stairwell A down to floor 1,

Or,

Exit using stairwell C down to floor 1,

Or,

Exit using stairwell D down to floor 1,

Or,

Exit using stairwell G down to floor 1.

Floor 3-2 – Exit using stairwell A down to floor 1,

Or,

Exit using stairwell B down to floor 1,

Or,

Exit using stairwell B1 down to floor 1,

Or,

Exit using stairwell C down to ground floor,

Or,

Exit using stairwell D down to ground floor,

Or,

Exit using stairwell E down to ground floor,

Or,

Exit using stairwell F down to ground floor,

Or,

Exit using stairwell G down to floor 1.

Floor 1 – Exit using stairwell A,

Or,

Exit using stairwell B,

Or,

Exit using stairwell B1,

Or,

Exit using stairwell G,

Or,

Exit using the southwest exit door (off Bigelow Street),

Or,

Exit using the northeast exit door (near Heinz Chapel),

Or,

Exit using the north exit door (off Fifth Avenue).

Ground Floor – Exit using stairwell C (west exit),

Or,

Exit using stairwell D (southwest exit),

Or,

Exit using the south exit door,

Or,

Exit using the east exit doors off Forbes Avenue.

Basement Level – Exit using stairwell B1 up to floor 1 and exit (near Fifth Avenue),

Or,

Exit using stairwell C up to ground floor and exit (near Bigelow Blvd.),

Or,

Exit using stairwell D up to ground floor and exit (near Bigelow Blvd),

Or,

Exit using stairwell E up to ground floor and exit (near Forbes Avenue),

Or,

Exit through the loading dock, onto driveway (near Forbes Avenue).

4. **Training Resources:**

Training videos regarding emergency procedures are available on the Public Safety and Emergency Management website at: [Safety Videos | Office of Public Safety & Emergency Management | University of Pittsburgh.](#)

5. **Medical Emergency:** Call Pitt Police at 412-624-2121.

A [list of the AED's for buildings](#) can be located on the Campus Safety section of the EH&S website.

(3) AED locations in the Cathedral of Learning

- Ground Floor – Elevator Lobby
- Floor 18 - Elevator Lobby
- Floor 33 – Elevator Lobby

The University has established guidelines for AED use. These guidelines are based upon requirements defined in PA Title 42, Section 8331.2 “Good Samaritan Civil Immunity for Use of Automated External Defibrillators” and upon the AED manufacturer recommendations. A copy of these guidelines is available from the Department of Environmental Health and Safety. Use of any AED is not restricted to individuals on the AED Response Team. Any member of the public, including University faculty, staff and students, may utilize an AED on an individual in distress. Before utilizing an AED, call the University emergency number 412-624-2121. Each University Police vehicle is equipped with an AED and the Officers are well trained. AED use is self-explanatory through audible and visual instructions that are initiated when you open the AED case. AED's are equipped with local alarms to signal for assistance when the unit is removed from its wall-mounted case.

6. **Security Emergency:** Call Pitt Police at 412-624-2121.

The Cathedral of Learning is equipped for remote activation of an emergency alarm by the University Police. One of two messages can be remotely activated. An emergency evacuation for security purposes that states “May I have your attention please. A security alert has been reported. Please leave the building by the nearest exit. Do not use the elevators.”; or a remain-in-place announcement, as in an active shooter situation or security lockdown: “May I have your attention please. A security emergency has been reported. Remain in the building. Stand by for further instructions.” Both messages are accompanied by the activation of strobe lights.

7. **Building Utility Emergency:**

For any utility emergency or utility problem (including electrical, water, heating, air conditioning, elevator), contact Facilities Management at 412-624-9500. In the event of a power failure, emergency generators will supply power to emergency lighting, critical equipment and every red receptacle.

8. Building Entry Procedures:

Cathedral of Learning operation hours are:

Every day: 7:00am – 11:00pm

Every day: 11:00pm – 7:00am (restricted access, Commons room only) University students, faculty and staff may enter at the Fifth Avenue entrance upon presentation of a valid University identification.

Do not enter the Cathedral of Learning or any campus building if you note that the building's emergency alarm is signaling, or that the building has been posted with signs that indicate an on-going emergency alarm condition.

9. Removal and discarding of lab and office equipment:

- i. Before removing any equipment from your lab or office, please refer to the EH&S site for proper procedures: [Moving Equipment from Biological Labs](#).
- ii. Never leave equipment in the hallways or on the outside loading dock.
- iii. All lab equipment must have a signed Laboratory Equipment Decontamination Certificate attached to each piece of equipment before Surplus Property will pick up.

Important Phone Numbers:

Pittsburgh Campus Emergency	412-624-2121
Pitt Police	412-624-2121
Facilities Management	412-624-9500
Environmental Health and Safety	412-624-9505