

Code Red and Fire Safety

Code Red Summary

Code Red



Fire, Smoke, or Alarm

Purpose

To provide an appropriate response in the event of an actual or suspected fire in order to protect life, property and vital services.

Used For

Smoke or fire has been detected.

What to do

- Close all doors in your department.
- Use RACER to make sure people are safe.
 - **Rescue, Alarm, Confine, Extinguish Fire, Relocate.**
- Use PASS if you need to use a fire extinguisher.
 - **Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep.**

Sources: Kaiser Internal document - Kaiser Permanente Northern California's Standardized Healthcare Emergency Codes

Fire!!

Do you know where to go?

Remember!! Not all double doors are fire doors.

- Locate the fire door stickers in your department.
- Stickers are visible from both sides of a doorway.
- **Have a plan!** Think of how you will move yourself and patients to safety in the event of a fire.



Be Aware of Fire Safety

- **Fire Pull Boxes**

- Find red boxes on wall.
- Know where they are located.
- Activate by pulling the handle on face of box.

- **Fire Extinguishers**

- Know where they are located.
- Extinguish the fire if it can be done safely.



Remember PASS

How to use a Fire Extinguisher!

P



Pull
the pin.

A



Aim
at the base of the fire.

S



Squeeze
the handle.

S



Sweep
slowly and steadily.

Remember Racer

There are five essential steps to take when there is a fire.

R

Rescue

anyone in immediate danger of fire.

A

Alarm

Pull the nearest fire alarm. Call on hospital phone report **"Code Red."**

C

Confine

Close doors and do not use the elevator.

E

Extinguish Fire

Extinguish fire if you are comfortable evacuate to the nearest safety zone.

R

Relocate

If requested by staff assist in relocation of patients.

- Smoke or suspicious smells should be investigated immediately. If you smell smoke behind a door, feel the door with the back of your hand first. If the door is too hot to touch, don't open it! The first three minutes after a fire is detected are critical. Always remember that you want to **RACER** for safety.

Be Aware of Fire Safety Where You Volunteer

Sunnyside and Westside Medical Center have different numbers to call to report **CODE RED**.

Sunnyside: call 31-2222 to report **CODE RED**

Westside Medical Center: call 24-2222 to report **CODE RED**

Fire Procedure

No Smoke or Flames

If you smell “something burning,” but do NOT see smoke or flames

- Call for an engineer STAT by contacting PBX operator (Dial “0”) if you have access to a Kaiser phone. If not, Vocera engineer.
- Immediately act to secure area by closing all doors.
- Notify Administrator or Call (AOC) of flames/smoke from chutes via Vocera.
- Stand-by to use all firefighting equipment.

Fire Procedure at Sunnyside

You Know There Is a Fire

If there is a fire

Remember “RACER”

- **Rescue** anyone in immediate danger. Move away to safe zones away from smoke inhalation. Remain calm.
- **Alarm**
 - Pull nearest fire alarm.
 - Call code line 31-2222 and be sure to report your NAME, EXACT LOCATION of fire, and STAY ON THE LINE until all information has been given. Vocera is not a good option because it will take too long to get connected correctly.
- **Confine/Contain:** Close all doors and do not use elevators.
- **Extinguish** with nearest fire extinguisher (“PASS” acronym).
 - Pull safety pin from extinguisher.
 - Aim at base of fire.
 - Squeeze handle to activate extinguisher.
 - Sweep side to side at base of fire.
- **Relocate** to the next smoke compartment (area beyond current location as identified in the unit you volunteer. You would know this from your initial conversation with your unit when asking where you go in case of a fire.)

Fire Procedure at Westside

You Know There Is a Fire

If there is a fire

Remember “RACER”

- **Rescue** anyone in immediate danger. Move away to safe zones away from smoke inhalation. Remain calm.
- **Alarm**
 - Pull nearest fire alarm.
 - Call code line 24-2222 and be sure to report your NAME, EXACT LOCATION of fire, and STAY ON THE LINE until all information has been given. Vocera is not a good option because it will take too long to get connected correctly.
- **Confine/Contain:** Close all doors and do not use elevators.
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