

A. Evacuation Procedures**JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY****1. A FIRE ALARM AUTOMATICALLY INITIATES AN EVACUATION.**

Building evacuation may be initiated by a fire alarm or by an order issued through an authorized chain of command.

Director and Librarian Ted Widmer is authorized to initiate an evacuation of any library building. In his absence, a designated Acting Librarian, or other designate, is then authorized. During evening and weekend hours, the option to choose to evacuate rests with the person in charge of the library building.

2. Evacuation Procedures

- a. Evacuate the building by the most direct means possible.
- b. Staff should assist the public to leave the building as quickly as possible by the nearest exit.
- c. Responsibility for complete evacuation of any library building belongs to Brown University Police and Security (phone 3-3322).
- d. Staff members should identify the location of disabled patrons/staff and notify Fire/Security officials of their location(s). Anyone refusing to leave should be reported to Fire/Security officials. Make no attempt to force them to leave.
- e. Under no circumstances should the elevator be used during an evacuation. Before opening any door check to see if it is cool to the touch, then open slowly and check for smoke. If a door is hot, or if smoke is apparent, retreat and try another exit route if possible.
- f. After evacuating, maintain a distance of at least 100 feet from the building. Library Staff should meet at the location designated (Wayland Arch) to determine whether all known occupants of the building have evacuated.
- g. Do not re-enter the building until authorized to do so.

4. Exits

- Ground Floor: Caspersen (East) Exit and North stairwell.
- First Floor: Exit from Reading Room.