

A. Evacuation Procedures**SCIENCES LIBRARY****1. Initiation of an Evacuation**

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

A FIRE ALARM AUTOMATICALLY INITIATES AN EVACUATION.

The University Librarian is authorized to initiate an evacuation of any library building. In his or her absence, a designated Acting University Librarian, or other designate, is then authorized. During evenings and weekend hours, the option to choose to evacuate rests with the person in charge of the library building who should contact the University Librarian or other senior administrator.

2. Evacuation Procedures

- a. Evacuate the building by the most direct means possible.
- b. The circulation security system should be deactivated by a Gateway Services staff member to prevent the exit bar from locking. The revolving doors should be burst apart, and the swinging doors propped open by the Door Guards or Gateway Services staff.
- c. Staff should assist the public to leave the building as quickly as possible by the nearest exit.
- d. Responsibility for complete evacuation of any library building belongs to Brown University Police and Security (phone 3-3322).
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. After evacuating, maintain a distance of at least 100 feet from the building. Set a meeting point for head count of staff to determine whether all known occupants of the building have evacuated.
- h. Do not re-enter the building until authorized to do so.

3. Staff Responsible for Head Count

In general Department Leaders are responsible for conducting the head count of the staff who report to them, with a department manager designated as an alternate. When appropriate (for example, departments in multiple locations), the Department Leader may designate responsibility for subsets of the department staff to suitable staff members.

4. Staff Responsible for Library Doors:

Door Guard on duty (alternate: Gateway Services Manager)

5. Staff Responsible for deactivating security alarm at gates:

Gateway Services Manager (alternate: Gateway Services supervisor)

6. Exits

-First Floor Lobby

-East and West stairwells to outside exit.