

# Evacuation

- Familiarize yourself with evacuation routes, the [Campus Wide Evacuation Plan](#), and specific [building evacuation plans](#) before an emergency occurs.
- Take fire drills seriously and pay attention to evacuation maps developed by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety. These are posted prominently in building lobbies.

## In an Emergency

- Leave calmly and avoid the area so as not to impede first responders. Under no circumstances should anyone ignore a fire alarm or refuse to comply with an evacuation order.

## People Requiring Additional Assistance

Some building occupants require assistance during building evacuation. Many building occupants who need assistance have voluntarily registered with the UMass Boston's [Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#). The list of individuals needing assistance will be provided to the Fire Safety Officer and UMass Boston Police.

There will likely be other staff, students, and visitors in the building who require assistance who are not on the list. Fire Safety Team Volunteers can help individuals needing assistance by directing them to areas of refuge (e.g. protected stairwells) and notifying emergency response personnel of the person's location. All people, regardless of their circumstances, need to take some responsibility for their safety in an emergency, which means being able to move away from any and all hazards.

If you'd like to learn more about building evacuation routes on campus, contact [Environmental Health and Safety](#) at 617.287.5445.

If you have any questions about evacuation policies or procedures, contact the [Office of Emergency Management and Business Continuity](#) at 617.287.5104

- [Building Evacuation Plans](#)
- [Campus-Wide Evacuation Plan](#)